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How To Get Away With Murder

A B.A.R. Exclusive

Sailor Charges Navy is Botching Schindler Case

by David O'Connor

A shipmate and friend of slain sailor Allen Schindler claims the U.S. Navy is trying to whitewash Schindler's bru tal murder at the hands of

fellow sailors. The 20-year-old man says inspectors have ig-nored crucial evidence — some of it eyewitness — and dis-counted the role anti-gay bias played in the fatal beating. The third class petty offi-

cer, who served with Schindler aboard the USS Belleau Wood, gave an exclusive interview to the Bay Area Reporter January 29 on condition of anonymity.

The sailor said Schindler

and his friends were the targets of anti-gay harassment and threats for months before Schindler was beaten to death October 27 in a public park adjacent to Sasebo Naval Base, a U.S. facility in Japan; that another sailor was injured in an anti-gay attack the day before Schindler was killed; and that superior officers knew of threats against Schindler and did nothing (Continued on page 15)

Achtenberg Accepts Nomination



Roberta Achtenberg at a February 2 press conference announcing her nomination to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg was for-mally nominated by Presi-dent Clinton on February 2 to be an assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If confirmed by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Achten-berg, 42, would head the agency's 700-person fair hous-ing and equal opportunity

unit.
"It is a distinct honor and privilege, as I'm sure you can appreciate, to have received this vote of confidence from this president who has my devotion and my respect," she said.

In her comments announc-

ing that she had accepted the appointment, Achtenberg said that she had already spoken with Henry Cisneros of HUD about her "commitment to revitalize HUD" and make the section the "most vocal and active enforcement unit in the federal government.

Achtenberg acknowledged to the press at a conference held on the steps of City Hall that she is the first openly lesbian woman to be nominated for such a high post.

"I believe I was chosen because I am a public officer, because I have demonstrated my commitment to his government.

my commitment to his gov-ernment to support people who most need it. I believe my record stands," Achten-

erg said.
Achtenberg said that her

nomination was a statement by the Clinton administration of its commitment to diversity in government but refused to speculate on what the ap-pointment meant to the na-

pointment meant to the national lesbian and gay rights movement.

"I would not presume to speak for the lesbian and gay community, but I have to say for this lesbian that she is honored to be selected to serve," she said.

Ironically, the unit Achtenberg will head does not monitor anti-gay housing discrimination because there are no federal protections against such bias.

such bias.
Senate confirmations on the appointment will not be held for at least three weeks Achtenberg acknowledged that her departure from the Board of Supervisors sets off a furor over whom Mayor Jordan will appoint to replace her

Achtenberg is one of six liberals on the 11-member Board and Jordan has "not made any decision" about the appointment, although African-American, Latino and business, lobbies, boxes and business lobbies have advanced candidates for the

post.

Achtenberg said that she had spoken with the mayor about her replacement and intended to discuss the matter with him again. She also said that she planned to discuss her replacement on the Board.

her replacement on the Board with her supporters.

The HUD post pays \$115,700-a-year.

The B.A.R. Celebrates Black History Month



All That He Can Be: Perry Watkins by Nancy Boutilier

While the debates over the military ban on gay men and lesbians rage, it's worth a look back to honor the pioneers of the current wave of court challenges by discharged soldiers.

A man of pride, patriotism, and perseverance, U.S. Staff Sergeant Perry Watkins demonstrates so clearly in this Black History Month that much of gay history is black history and vice versa — both of which are much of American history, if only the teachers and their textbooks would honor the work of honest historians

off honest historians.

It was during Bush's first term in the White House — five years ago to this day, on February 11, 1988 — that the New York Times ran a front page article titled "Homosexual Ban in Army Rejected by Appeals Court" regarding the Watkins case against the military.

Watkins had originally taken his case to court six years earlier, in the spring of 1982. What made his case unusual is that Watkins had originally taken his case unusual is that Watkins had openly declared himself gay to the Army when he was drafted in 1968, but they took him just the same.

Then, 14 years later — 14 years of exemplary service, three successful re-enlistments, a record filled with praise and the kind of trust that gave him a security clearance worthy of his work in a NATO nuclear program — U.S. Staff Sergeant Perry Watkins was discharged for being gay.

As Watkins put it, "The Army did not institute proceedings against me because my homosexuality had created problems.

against me because my homosexuality had created problems. The only reason was because I made the statement that I was

a homosexual."

In 1983, Watkins had the chance to state his case on 60 Minutes. In that same year, a district court ruled that the Army could not validly discharge him for being gay.

Then, the Army wouldn't let him re-enlist next time around and the legal battle waged on. It was not until January of 1991 that Watkins finally won retroactive pay and full retirement benefits.

benefits.

Let the pundits hem and haw about Clinton's choice of issues, and the people interviewed on the streets complain that Clinton shouldn't be making a big deal about "this gays in the military thing." What too many people forget is that Reagan and Bush made a big deal about gays and lesbians in the military first, by enforcing discrimination and persecution. Like the deficit, the military ban on gay men and lesbians is one more instance in which Clinton has inherited a Republican mess.

But it has been the careers of people like Perry Watkins — both in the Army and as activists — that have moved politicians like Clinton to stand up against the the ban. ▼

The Military Ban Question

In Case You Haven't Heard.

United Press International

WASHINGTON dent Clinton announced January 29 he has directed the U.S. military, as a first step in his effort to lift the ban on gays in the armed services, to stop asking recruits their sex-

stop asking recruits their sex-ual orientation.

The president also told a
White House news confer-ence that the agreement,
reached with Senators Sam
Nunn and George Mitchell,
also directs the Justice De-partment to seek continu-ances in pending court cases
involving reinstatement; and involving reinstatement; and stays administrative separa-tion under current Depart-ment of Defense policies based on status alone. "This compromise is not

everything that I would have everything that I would have hoped for or everything I have stood for," Clinton told reporters at a White House briefing. But, he added, it is "a substantial step in the right direction."

"The issue is not whether

The issue is not whether there should be homosexuals in the military," Clinton said, but "whether men and women who can and have served with distinction ... should be excluded.

axeluded."

The president said he asked Defense Secretary Les Aspin to submit a draft executive order by July 15, "which would end the present policy of exclusion from military service, solely on the basis of sexual orientation and at the same time establish rigorous same time establish rigorous standards regarding sexual conduct to be applied to all military personnel."

He said the Joint Chiefs have agreed to remove the have agreed to remove the question of sexual orientation from future versions of the enlistment application "and it will not be asked in the inter-

"We also all agreed that a very high standard of conduct can and must be applied," Clinton said. "So the single common said. So the single area of this agreement is this. Should someone be able to serve their country in uniform if they say they are homosexuals, but they do nothing which violates the code of conduct or undermines unit cohesion or morale apart from that statement."

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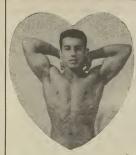


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National News

Oregon Bigots Sued by ACLU

by David Batterson

PORTLAND - The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon has sued the city of

of Oregon has sued the city of Springfield over the constitutionality of the city's anti-gay rights ordinance. Also named in the lawsuit, filed in Lance County Circuit Court in Eugene, was Springfield City Manager Mike Kelly.

Besides the ACLU, plaintiffs included the Oregon Public Employees Union; Sally Meng of Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Eugene-Springfield; David and Fibes Gibson, gay activists; lesbian Sandy

Gays, Eugene-Springfield; David and Fibes Gibson, gay activists; lesbian Sandy Shirley; and gay rights advocate Ron Spicer.

David Fidanque, new executive director of the state ACLU chapter, said, "our basic message is simple. This ballot measure was an attempt to take away the rights of a minority of Springfield Citizens." The measure, passed last May, was sponsored and promoted by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA). Encouraged by their success in Springfield, the OCA went on to sponsor the now infamous Ballot Measure 9 that was defeated by Oregon voters in November. Jean Marchant, domestic partner of Shirley and former chairwoman of Springfield's Hu-Marchant, domestic partner of Shirley and former chairwoman of Springfield's Human Rights Commission, applauded the ACLU action, saying of the ordinance, "it has meant that I'm a second class citizen in Springfield." The mayor of Springfield. Bill Morrisette, has been a longtime opponent of the ordinance and of the OCA. Morrisette called the action "good, because it needs to be settled

because it needs to be settled in the courts."

in the courts."
Eugene attorney Dana Weinstein was the lead ACLU attorney, assisted by attorneys Scott Meisner and Martha Walters, also of Eugene. The ACLU of Oregon is based in Portland.

Portland.
Meanwhile, State Repre-



Lon Mabon, negative as

entative Jim Edmunson (D-Eugene) has introduced a civ il rights bill that would put a halt to city and county ordi halt to city and county ordinances attempting to legislate sexual behavior. "This bill does not stop people from believing gay rights are wrong, if that's what they want to believe," Edmunson said, "[but] it will stop people from imposing those views and beliefs on others."

The ban would prohibit any Oregon city or county from enacting local laws that describe any kind of sexual behavior as "deviant, unnatural, or perverse, unless the behavior is also a crime under

rai, or perverse, unless the behavior is also a crime under state law." Edmunson's bill is supported by other Oregon legislators, including lesbian Representative Gail Shibley (D-Portland).

"One Oregon community should not be fighting against another over legislation which belongs at the state lev-el," Edmunson said. "The situation results in an un-healthy, unproductive climate

healthy, unproductive climate for the state as a whole."
Edmunson decided to introduce the legislation following the OCA's new tactic of targeting rural Oregon cities and counties for new anti-gay laws. Currently the OCA, through its No Special Rights Committee, has filed petitions in the cities of Hillsboro, Forest Grove, and Cornelius.

Draft of Oregon Representative Jim Edmunson's Legislative Bill

Prohibits cities and counreminist cities and counties from enacting or enforcing local legislation that describes sexual behavior as deviant or unnatural unless that the basic is credifically do behavior is specifically de-fined as crime and made pun-ishable under state laws.

Relating to civil rights.

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ment, or discrimination by local governments based on sexual conduct or behavior is a matter of state concern.

(2) A city or county shall not enact a charter provision, ordinance or resolution that describes any form of sexual behavior as deviant, unnatural or perverse unless the sexual behavior so described is also specifically defined as a crime and made punishable crime and made punishable under the statutes of this

state.
(3) This section is applicable throughout this state and in all cities and counties therein. The electors or the governing body of a city or county shall not enact, and the governing body shall not enforce, any charter provision, ordinance, resolution, or other regulation that is inconsistent with this section.

The OCA must obtain sig-natures amounting to at least 15 percent of the cities' regis-tered voters to qualify their proposed city charter amendments. The chief sponsor of the city measures is Bonnie Mabon, wife of OCA Chair-man Lon Mabon.

Oregon Bigot Crawls From Under Idaho Rock

by Karen Ocamb

Lon Mabon of the Oregon Citizens Alliance held a news conference in Boise, Idaho, on January 13 to announce his plans to launch an anti-gay ballot initiative in Idaho. The ballot intustive in Idano. The following day he announced that anti-gay measures were being introduced as ballot initiatives in 32 small cities in

being introduced as ballot initiatives in 32 small cities in Oregon.

With him at the Idaho announcement was local Burley businessman Kelly Walton, who, Mabon says, will run the new Idaho Citizen's Alliance.

Mabon was chiefly responsible for Oregon's harshly anti-gay Measure 9, which called homosexuality an "abomination" and equated it with bestiality and necrophilia. Mabon told reporters, according to gay activist Marcus Corns who attended the news conference, that he intends to "tone down" the proposed 'tone down" the proposed

Idaho ballot measure.

Mabon also denied that he is connected to the Idaho Family Forum, another conservative religious group that sprung up in Idaho about 18 months ago. IFF recently invited the Colorado Springsbased "Promise Keepers" to hold their annual "Christian Men's Movement" conference Men's Movement" conference in Boise. The "Promise Keep-ers" was founded by Amend-ment 2 booster, and Universi-ty of Colorado coach, Bill Mc-

ty of Colorado coach, Bill McCartney.
However, problems developed after David M. Smith, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/LA) alerted the media that IFF was using the facilities of the public proportion. public corporation Morrison-Knudsen. According to Stanley Crowe, vice president of corporate communications for Morrison-Knudsen, the company refused to allow the

"Promise Keepers" to hold their meeting on M-K porperty and asked the IFF to leave since their lease expired. Crowe also said that the separate M-K Foundation donated \$10,000 to IFF when the group was first starting, but her no further ties. According group was first starting, but has no further ties. According to Corns, there are no papers filed with the government al-lowing IFF a nonprofit status.

Currently, gay activists in Idaho are creating an organization to respond to Idaho Citizen's Alliance, says activist John Hummel. They hope to receive financial and political help from lesbians and gays around the country. They have already been given some guidance and support by two Oregon women who happened to be in Idaho at-tending the Idaho Women's Conference. The subject: the Christian right.

SF School Board May Pull \$2.5M from BofA

A resolution to divest an estimated \$2.5 million in funds from the Bank of funds from the Bank of America will be voted on by the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Edu-cation February 9. The funds are the only sig-nificant funds the board can divest from the bank, accord-ing to its president Tom Am

ing to its president, Tom Am-

Ammiano and board mem-ber Angie Fa introduced the resolution to divest January

26. "Superintendent Rojas is very supportive of the resolu-tion," Ammiano told the Bay Area Reporter. We've identi-fied these funds which can be divested and I'm confident

that the measure will easily pass the board."

The funds are cash receipts from the schools' cafeteria programs, according to

SFSUD Business Services spokesperson Bob Golden.

"We have 21 cooking kitchens all over the city in our cafeteria program," Golden told the B.A.R., Each is responsible for making deposits in local branches all over the city. It's not like all deposits are made at one location."

deposits are in the second and a construction."

Although about 20,000 students eat in the SFSUD cafeteria program, the revenues teria program, the revenues are not primarily from the cafeteria-style breakfasts or lunches that the district sells for set prices; they are mostly from "a la carte" sales of hamburgers, pizza, sodas, cookies, and other snacks sold at district snack bars in the schools.

"If the resolution passes, we can easily look to another

"If the resolution passes, we can easily look to another bank. All banks are equally equipped to do this. The Bank of America may have the most branches of any bank in the city, but there are other banks," he said. \(\bigvee\)

Sailors, Marines Found Guilty of '92 SF Gaybashing

by Dennis Conkin

Almost a year after they assaulted a gay man in the Castro District, four sailors and two Marines stationed at Mare Island pleaded guilty to assault and hate crime charges in Superior Court on February 1.

Christopher Hall, 19, who used a flashlight as a club in the attack last February, will receive a five-year suspended state prison sentence and one year in county jail for using the deadly weapon, according to Assistant District Attorney Chuck Haines.

Ryan Eldred, 19, Hans Dykes, 19, Alfred Schwarz, 22, Mark Parker, 25, and Kent Wheeler, 22, will each

receive four-year suspended prison sentences, and serve one year in county jail.

Haines, the head of the District Attorney's Hate Crimes Prosecution Unit, told the Bay Area Reporter that the military personnel will also be subject to search at anytime as part of their probation and are forbidden by court order to enter the Castro district of San Francis-

The assailants will also receive less-than-honorable discharges from the military.

The six planned the gay bashing while stationed at Mare Island because they were bored and wanted to "relieve tension." Haines said.

In the incident two of the In the incident, two of the six men went to the Phoenix Bar where one of them then lured a patron to a promised sexual liaison at a nearby lo-cation. Upon arrival at that lo-cation, the victim was jumped and beaten by the men.

According to Haines, the crime was completely motivated by hate and was "well planned."

Attorneys for the defendants attempted unsuccessfully to have the State Court of Appeal issue a stay of trial in the matter pending a challenge to the constitutionality of state hate crimes laws.

The six men will be formally sentenced on February 25. ▼



Charline McCaine

Charity Thief Gets 16 Months

by Dennis Conkin

Convicted AIDS charity thief Charline McCain was sentenced on January 29 to 16

thief Charline McCain was sentenced on January 29 to 16 months in state prison for stealing more than \$8,000 from the AIDS Emergency Fund in 1990.

McCain confessed to stealing the funds from the AEF Pennies Project cash collection jars over a four-month period in 1990 before fleeing to Texas under the ruse that she was pregnant by her pawnbroker boyfriend and was going home to her father.

McCain duped her friend Michael Valerio, the founder of the Folsom Street Fair and president of the South of Market Merchants and Individual Lifestyles Events, to drive her to Texas where she later disappeared.

McCain was arrested in Lexington, Kentucky, during a routine traffic stop last October and extradited to San Francisco for her trial on a warrant for her arrest stemming from charges brought by the AIDS Emergency Fund.

She pleaded guilty to the theft of funds, and also to

Fund.

She pleaded guilty to the theft of funds, and also to stealing more than \$20,000 belonging to the Ceatrice Polite Apartments, a South of Market low-income housing project where she had been a residential process.

idential manager.

McCain will serve her term at the Frontera Prison for Women in Frontera, California. ▼

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National News

Another Vicious Gaybashing By U.S. Military Personnel

by Dennis Conkin

A gay man who had his skull fractured in a vicious anti-gay attack by three Camp LeJeune, N.C., Marines last weekend is in Washington, D.C. this week, to meet with congressional leaders.

Crae Pridgen, 28, was beaten and assaulted by the Marines in front of a gay bar in Wilmington, North Carolina, two days after President Clinton ordered a six-month review of the military's anti-gay ban.

review of the military's anti-gay ban.

Colin Hunt, 20, Patrick Gardona, 23, and Walter Watkins, 26, were charged with four counts of assault in the incident, which has been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a hate crime.

hate crime.

"It's a very unfortunate incident. It's troubling," White House spokesperson Dee Dee Myers said of the incident. "It's unfortunate. It's deplorable. The president deplores it," Myers said.

According to news accounts, the Marines told

Wilmington police that they were "not ashamed" of the

Wilmington police that they were "not ashamed" of the gay bashing.

Pridgen said the Marines shouted, "Clinton must pay, all you faggots will die," as they kicked and attacked him.
Following the incident, Pridgen went to Washington hoping to meet with Clinton but has not yet made an "official request" for a meeting, according to Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Fund.
Crae has met with Senators Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and John Glenn (D-Ohio), and is making extensive television appearances, including a stint with Keith Meinhold, a Chief Petty Officer who was kicked out of the Navy for being gay, then ordered reinstated by a federal court that ruled the

gay ban was unconstitutional.
Gay rights leaders in
Washington, D.C. have laid
the blame for the attack at
the feet of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and anti-gay congressional leaders.

King said that JCS chair General Colin Powell, plus

Congressmembers Bob Dole and Bob Coats, fostered and supported a climate of anti-gay hatred which leads to

gay natred which leads to such attacks. Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Les-bian Task Force, also criti-cized the JCS for the climate

"It's a failure of command authority and their responsi-bility to maintain good order and discipline," he said.

According to Bray, the anti-gay sentiments expressed constantly over the last two weeks by the JCS opposed to Clinton's pro-gay military policies has encouraged increased "violence against gays and leshians" and lesbians.

"They are worried about becople like us in the military. people like us in the military. But, I am concerned about people like this who are supposed to be protecting me, my civil rights, and my country. I feel that I am not safe with these people in the military," Pridgen said in news accounts. ▼

Local Poet Gits Noo Mareen Pin Palz — And Their Smarte

by David O'Connor

Gay poet Gene Catalano probably hasn't won many new pen pals in his letter-writing campaign to U.S. Marines in Somalia. Several Marines have answered his letters — but most responses aren't friendly.

aren't friendly.

In 26 letters sent to random Marines late last year,
Catalano wrote about gay
rights issues and about his
dead lover, who was a Vietnam veteran.

Catalano forwarded four responses to the Bay Area Reporter. The random sam-pling of Marines' attitudes towards gays reflects high lev-els of hostility, although one writer expressed gratitude for

writer expressed gratitude for the correspondence.

"I was truly elated to have received it," wrote one gay Marine "Although I have fought and done humanitarian deeds for my country, in the short term I've been in, I feel compelled to say I am extermely cautious when it remely cautious when it comes to my personal life ... I really don't know how to explain the anger I feel towards all the ignorance and towards all the homophobic people I have to work with."

Other Marines called Cote

Other Marines called Catalano's letter insulting and attacked his sexuality. All the responses were anonymous. "If you were here now I would gladly stomp your

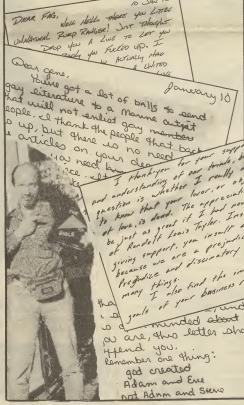
would gladly stomp your fuckin' teeth in," one Marine wrote. "Please don't mistake

wrote. "Please don't mistake me for an unintelligent homophobe who just doesn't have compassion."

That letter writer went on to call Catalano "inhuman, un-American and basically a waste of life."

Another—no doubt court

Another - no doubt equally intelligent — Marine advised Catalano to let his dead lover "rest in piece [sic]." He



Poet Gene Catalano and some of his letters from U.S. Marines stationed in Somalia.

closed his letter with the original and thought-provoking line: "god [sic] created Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve."

Another letter writer de-fended the military's bias against gays and lesbians, writing, "we are a prejudice

[sic] society. Prejudice [sic] and discrimatory [sic] against

and discrimatory [sic] against many things."
Catalano did not comment on whether he will keep corresponding to homophobic Marines nor whether future letters might include a remedial grammar lesson.

Community News



David Carpenter speaks at the January 27 rally in San Francisco to support lifting the military ban on gays and lesbians.

Gay Sailor Released From Treasure Island

by David O'Connor

The U.S. Navy has re-leased a gay sailor imprisoned at Treasure Island for 51 days after he went AWOL to care for his terminally ill lover. Third Class Petty Officer David Carpenter was given an other-than-honorable-dis-

charge and released from the brig January 22. He had been held without formal charges

since early December.
Carpenter left his post as a computer technician on the USS Callahan in August 1990. He jumped ship to care for his lover of ten years who was dying of AIDS.

"They really messed up my life," Carpenter said of the

my life," Carpenter said of the Navy's treatment of him. Since landing in the brig, Carpenter has lost his car, his apartment, and his job as an administrative assistant.

"But to be free and have it all behind me is worth it," he

Lieutenant Stephens, who was Carpenter's legal counsel, said his other-than-honorable-dis-

other-than-nonorable-dis-charge was granted in lieu of going to a court-martial. "That's a process that's very normal," Stephens said. She refused to discuss the case further.

case further.

Carpenter said he had no choice but to jump ship because his lover required 24-hour-a-day care and needed him immediately. The time-consuming process of discharging gay service personnel, coupled with the impending Persian Gulf crisis of fall 1990, made his seeking a discharge impossible, Carpenter said.

"They would not have let me out," Carpenter said. "To me, love is unconditional and I loved this man. What I did was what I felt I had to do. If was what I felt I had to do. If I hadn't, the next day the hospice was putting him in a state convalescent hospital. I'm not going to let that happen to someone I love."

After his lover died in July 1992, Carpenter considered turning himself in. But when two attorneys told him he

two attorneys told him he would face a long-term jail sentence, he decided to stay on the lam.
"I came to San Francisco

with \$25 and no place to live and made it work," Carpenter said. "Now here I am again

"I'm tired of people kick-ing me in the teeth and tired of being discriminated against," he said. "I'm so fed

up with people treating me like I'm sick because there's something in my genes that tells me a man is what I need and want.

and want.
"Sometimes I wonder
what's the drive to keep fighting back," Carpenter said.
"I'm not sick, I'm healthy. I'm mostly happy, but there's a lot of loss."

Carpenter said his parents have refused to talk to him since they threw him out of the house at age 17 when he announced he was gay. Carpenter moved in with a friend and finished high school, then joined the Navy because he

joined the Navy because he couldn't afford college.

He excelled in the Navy, He excelled in the Navy, but ran into homophobia ear-lier in his military career. While training in Vallejo, Car-penter said, he was attacked by four other sailors wielding a lead pipe and screaming, "faggot."

In the attack, he sustained 17 contusions, lost three teeth, had his lip ripped in half, and received 76 stitches in his face, he said.
"They were going to kill me," Carpenter said. "If a car hadn't driven by and scared them off, they would have."
Carpenter said he reported the incident to his superior officer, who did nothing about it.

Reflecting on that episode Reflecting on that episode and the more recent murder of gay sailor Allen Schindler — who was beaten to death by fellow sailors while stationed in Japan — Carpenter said there was no way he could have come out on his ship instead of going AWOL.

"How could anybody look at me and say I should have said I was gay?" Carpenter asked.

asked.
By discriminating against gays and lesbians, though, it's the military that loses, Carpenter said.
"The top sailors, the top officers, are all homosexual," Carpenter said. "I was the cream of the crop. Maybe that's because gays feel like they have to prove themselves."

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Carpenter said he felt somewhat justified by getting the last word in against the Navy. As he was leaving the brig, Carpenter said, he had nothing to lose so he yelled to fellow prisoners and Navy personnel, "Today is the Navy's day, but tomorrow will be the homosexual's day!"

Harassment Forces Gay Sailor To Go AWOL

by David O'Connor

As military leaders and congressmembers debate the impact openly gay service personnel may have on heterosexual troops, one Bay Area gay man is hiding out from the U.S. Navy after antigay harassment drove him to go AWOL.

Al Anderson [not his real name] left his ship in 1988 after years of verbal abuse and threats of physical violence.

ter years of verbal abuse and threats of physical violence, he said.

"There would be no reason for me to be AWOL if they had a respectable way of dealing with people and they don't do that," Anderson told the Bay Area Reporter. "I was afraid for my life. That's why I wanted out."

Anderson said he repeatedly told superior officers about

ly told superior officers about anti-gay harassment and threats made against him — to no avail. He called the B.A.R no avail. He called the B.A.R. after reading about another sailor, David Carpenter, who was held in the brig at Treasure Island for going AWOL to care for his dying lover. [See story on this page.] "By allowing homophobia to exist in the military, they create a situation like mine," Anderson said. "Then they make us into criminals when we try to do something about

make us into criminas when we try to do something about it. When you're put in circum-stances you can't deal with anymore, you flee. You're go-ing to save yourself." Anderson said he first re-quested, a discharge during

quested a discharge during the mid '80s after a straight-

identified roommate asked Anderson to perform oral sex on him. Anderson refused and the roommate threatened

and the roommate threatened to kill him if he told anyone. "I'm not butch. I don't pretend to be butch. I don't even know what butch is," Anderson said. "I'm just me. I've been told I'm soft-spoken and effeminate and people start to figure it out."

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Anderson said he was sent Anderson said he was sent to a military psychiatrist who told him that if he were granted a discharge for being gay, his name would appear on a national list of homosexuals. The psychiatrist told him that his name's appearance on the list could result in someone harming him, Anderson said.

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Anderson decided to say he had changed his mind: he wasn't gay and he didn't want a discharge.

Later, Anderson was stationed on a ship where other sailors repeatedly solicited him for oral sex and taunted him for being gay.

Anderson said sailors also talked about wanting to smash fire extinguishers over the heads of shipmates they suspected were gay.

Anderson said he asked his superior officer to either stop the harassment or give him a discharge. But the superior of

discharge. But the superior of-ficer said Anderson couldn't be discharged for being gay unless he were caught having

Deciding he couldn't take any more, Anderson left his ship for four days, but friends

convinced him to go back. Af-ter another fruitless discus-sion with his commanding officer, he jumped ship again.

Three months later he was stopped on a traffic violation and wound up at the brig on Treasure Island. He spent four days in solitary confinement, but when he was moved from his cell to the barracks, he left Treasure Island and has been AWOL land and has been AWOL

since.
"They'll always be looking for me, I'm sure," Anderson said. "The way I live is I wake up and look out the window and make sure this isn't the day I get jerked out of my life. This is what I have to do for as long as I can hold out. It eats away at you every day."

Anderson has not contacted his family in four years because he is afraid the Navy may be monitoring their home. Relations with his parents have been strained since he came out to them as a teen-ager.

Anderson said he joined the Navy to improve himself.
"I thought I would be respected," he said. "I wanted to prove to my parents they could be proud of me. I served well in the Navy. I did my best. I felt it would be good for me give me a posigood for me, give me a positive attitude and make me the strong, stable figure that I wanted to be. I had hopes and dreams; I don't have them anymore."

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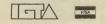
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Editorial

Treason!

Allen Schindler died last year in a U.S. Navy uniform. He was killed by fellow servicemen, but not in the line of so-called "friendly fire," that terrible, accidental death that occasionally strikes unlucky soldiers and sailors.

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Schindler was savagely, sadistically, brutally, beaten until he was unrecognizable and then left in a pool of his own blood, still desperately trying to breathe and probably praying for the death that soon came.

We mention this again, not because it's pleasant to contemplate, but because it brings up another reason why lesbians and gays should not be excluded from our country's military. It is the same reason why (as was finally figured out after the first terrible Watts riots) police forces should not be all-white: when conflicts arise, we who are "protected" by those forces need to know we are not in a strictly "us vs. them" situation. If there had been a greater Jewish presence in Germany's pre-war militia there would have been much more resistance to exterminating people for the "sin" of being Jews. If the former Yugoslavian army had had a better mix of Serbs, Croats, and Muslims, perhaps the three wouldn't be fighting each other and "ethnically cleansing" now. And if the U.S. Marine Corps hadn't spent the last 50 years harboring some sick "right" to hate fags, three of them might not have beaten Crae Pridgen of North Carolina half to death last Sunday, just as a pack of ravening sailors beat Schindler to death last October. There are many people to blame for the Schindler case and the whole sick situation that made it possible: one of those, General Colin Powell, is especially wrong for being taken in by the bullshit upon which the Pentagon bases its biases. We assume that, if it were presented to him in this way, he would agree with the following statement:

"[T] he necessity for the highest possible degree of unity and esprit-de-corps; the requirement of morale — all these demand that nothing be done which may adversely affect the situation ... the enlistment of [gays] leads to disruptive and undermining conditions."

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The thing is, that quote is 50 years old, and was originally used to keep black people like Powell out of his — or, for that matter, virtually any — job in the service: the original quote has the word "Negroes" instead of "gays."

Nowadays, it's been slightly rewritten to read "the presence of such members [homosexuals] adversely affects the ability of the Military Service to maintain discipline, good order, and morale." To our eye, you could still substitute "Negro" and have an opinion every bit as relevant.

As for discipline and good order, we fail to see how the De partment of Defense can even begin to claim they have such things when its own soldiers and sailors are out killing and at-tempting to kill innocent Americans.

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We think that sounds more like treason than good order. We would like to see the three Marines charged in Pridgen's assault brought up on the stiffest possible charges, including treason if a lawyer thinks it could stick. Considering their reported taunts, explicitly against their commander in chief, we fail to see how their actions could constitute anything else. We also hope to see the U.S. Navy re-open its investigation of Airman Vins, implicated in the Schindler murder and now serving four months—four months!—for his part in the killing. According to one of Schindler's shipmates who spoke with the B.A.R. last week, there is enough eyewitness testimony to tie Vins to the murder directly, but the Navy is closing its eyes to the matter. We cannot let that happen. Four months is a sentence people get for Halloween vandalism, not for beating a man to death in cold blood.

Once again, we ask our readers to contact the White House, Department of Defense, and Senator Sam Nunn. Tell them how you feel about this surging anti-gay violence at the hands of American service personnel—men whose salaries are paid by you. Tell them you want to see the Vins case reopened. Tell them that if good order is what they want, let more gays and lesbians in and throw out the bigots, Nazis, and thugs they've been protecting all this time.

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The White House: (202) 456-1111;
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General Colin Powell: (703) 697-9121 Senator Sam Nunn: (202) 224-3521 Do it today, for those who can't.

When I'm not wearing a button promoting some political cause or candidate, I often wear an enameled pin consisting of a pink triangle pointing down, superimposed upon a yellow triangle pointing up, forming a six-pointed Star of David. The pink triangle is a symbolic reminder of the brutal treatment of thousands of homosexual men by the Nazis during the Holoward While tederors are superior and leable to the point with the description.

homosexual men by the Nazis during the Holocaust. While today many gay men and lesbians perceive the pink triangle as a symbol of pride, its origin as a symbol of oppression and torture should never be forgotten.

If you are in your 20s, 30s, or 40s, the Holocaust may seen like ancient hsitory, and it may be difficult to conceive of 6 million Jews, and as many as 4 million others, being deliberately murdered by a modern, civilized society such as Germany. To visualize the enormity of this, imagine the entire population of a city larger than Los Angeles being slaughtered.

In April 1993, a museum is scheduled to open in Washington, D.C. as a memorial to this episode of people's inhumanity to their fellow

episode of people's inhumanity to their fellow human beings. The museum will include a dis-play of artifacts, documents, and other materials. Its purpose is educational — to bear perpet-ual witness to the horrors of this Holocaust, in the hope that such a horror will never recur.

least mourned victims of the Holocaust. Perhaps the chief reason for this is that we are, even now, a mostly hidden and "closeted" segment of the population. The fate of German gay men was complicated by the fact that homosexuality had been a crime there since nomosexuanty had been a crime there since 1871, though the law was seldom enforced, and a liberal atmosphere prevailed after World War I. It was then that what may have been history's first "Gay Liberation" movement had been founded in Germany by Magnus Hirschfeld. In spite of its illegal status, this movement slowly gained ground until the Nazi takeover in 1933.

The Nazis viewed homosexuality as degen-

eracy which undermined the super-masculine ideal of the Aryan man, and in 1935 even more stringent laws went well beyond the penalty of

stringent laws went well beyond the penalty of mere imprisonment to include compulsory sterilizations, usually in the form of castration.

Continuing homophobia has actually suppressed the record and evidence of the slaughter of homosexuals during the Holocaust, resulting in a very incomplete history of the war against gays. The Holocaust Museum has had very limited success in gathering historic materials on this group. terials on this group.

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To date, the museum collection includes a lone pink triangle patch, found by a U.S. Army soldier during the liberation of the concentration camp at Dachau. The museum's Oral History Department has taped two interviews with gay survivors, and the Photo Archives has obtained a few photos of homosexuals to be included in the exhibits. The Museum Archives has obtained some police seum Archives has obtained some police records of roundups and arrests of gays in two

If you, or anyone you know, has material on not you, or anyone you know, has haterial on homosexual victims of Nazism, and would be willing to make it available to the museum, or if you know of someone who witnessed the persecution of gays during this period, your help would be of great importance both to the museum and to the cause of proper recognition of the fate of gays during the Nazi era.

For information on donation of materials or For information on donation of materials or tax-deductible contributions, write to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council; Sara J. Bloomfield, Executive Director; 2000 L St. NW; Suite 558; Washington, DC; 20036-4907; or call (202)653-9220. ▼

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A Single Pink Triangle

Homosexuals were the most vulnerable and

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Sears' Queers

While Orland Outland's article "Sears' Queers" provides an entertaining take on whatever kinks might be buried in Prodigy, I was extremely disappointed that your writer so cavalierly dismissed gay-owned and operated BBS systems as "incapable of competing with Prodigy" in terms of their membership size alone. The myopic lack of understanding inherent in Mr. Outland's writing is akin to that of a mainstream fag-hag who has gone out "slumming" with her gay hairdresser's friends and thinks she is an expert on the gay rights movement.

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In his article, Mr. Outland conveniently omits any reference to the fracas that erupted when it was revealed that Prodigy had been censoring private messages with gay overtones. He also give readers the false impression that, by virtue of its size, Prodigy is the only route to go. Before Mr. Outland throws his legs in the air to give Prodigy spokespages Briga File. legs in the air to give Prodigy spokesperson Brian Ek such an easy media lay, he would do well to spend some time logging onto some of the nation's busier gay-oriented bulletin boards.

gay-oriented bulletin boards.

Just as the Bay Area Reporter has become a powerful minority voice in print journalism, gay-owned and operated BBS systems represent a highly-specialized form of electronic media. San Francisco's Back Door, StationHouse, Studs, Eye Contact, Fog City and High Tech Gays (as well as BBS operations in cities aross the courtry) foster a much greater sense of community han Prodigy. The members of these smaller bulletin boards (with their words rather than their numbers) are what makes BBS's such important outlets for the gay community.

gay community.

While the Bay Area Reporter's circulation could never ever compete with those of the San Francisco Chronicle or Examiner, our newspaper was read with a vengeance. Gay-owned and operated BBS systems have a similar loyal following and media potency when compared to such mainstream giants of elec-

when compared to such mainstream giants of electronic media as Prodigy and/or Internet.
Lest we forget, Prodigy (as Mr. Outland notes) is owned by Sears and IBM. We have yet to see Prodigy sponsoring AIDS fundraisers or manning booths at the Castro Street Fair, Folsom Street Fair and Gay Pride Day Celebration. And, while most gay-owned and operated BBS systems take great care to protect the privacy of their members, you'd better believe that Prodigy is using its membership files for extensive marketing research.

George Heymont -aka- Tittop San Francisco

Prodigy's Homophobia

In regard to the Jan. 21 issue of B.A.R. and the article entitled, "Sears Queers" by Orland Outland. I have been there. I was so offended by the homophobic diatribes on Prodigy, I returned the kit to Sears and demanded my money back. Fortunately, their return policy caused no problem and I was reimbursed. I cannot believe any self-respecting gay/lesbian person would tolerate having to justify his/hers existence to an information center that bills you!

The incident that led to my decision to return the kit was revelant to Outland's statement "... these messages stay on the board, when gay friendly messages were removed..." I had tried to leave a note of encouragement to a scared man who had just been tested. Prodigy refused to accept the message

tested. Prodigy refused to accept the message transmittal stating "It was inappropriate for their

There were several hate messages posted, and I There were several nate messages poster, and it mean really hate-filled, vile and repugnant messages, that Prodigy refused to remove. The hypocrisy really got to me. So, I devised a test for Prodigy. I copied two messages, replacing the word "faggot" with "jew" on the first one and "faggot" for "Black" on the second

Of course, the results were exactly as I expected

Of course, the results were exactly as I expected. They refused to post them. This speaks volumes on Prodigy's homophobia. Prodigy's actions clearly state "Attacks on gays and lesbians are acceptable." This also speaks volumes on the lies and excuses Prodigy gives to justify their homophobia. The replies to my letters of complaint to the Vice-President of Marketing were the same reported by Outland. "With this many messages, they can't all be read, but are instead scanned by a machine for obscenities." What bullshift lisn't it odd that all other services have no problems removing hate mail?

bullshit Isn't it odd that all other services have no pro-blems removing hate mail?
If their excuses were true, how may they discern the difference between Gay, Faggot, Black and Jew? Unless, they have their imaginary "obscenity scanner" set for Black or Jew, but not Gay? If so, why not? I strongly disagree with Outland's statement: "Pro-digy seems to have hit upon a reasonable solution." I have found High Tech Gays BBS to be free of charges and CompuServe's Human Sexuality Forum to be humane, "gay-friendly" and considerate of their users.

I hope that Outland stops "lurking" on Prodigy and writes an article on alternative information services that do not require the user to suffer through attacks and hate mail. There are plenty of alternatives out

> Rene A. Ramos Belmont, CA

Ed. Note: Prodigy's "Frank Discussion" board has been discontinued. See story on

Real Men Don't Whine

As a gay veteran, I have watched the controversy surrounding the lifting of the ban on gays with a growing sense of disgust. What a pitiful bunch of babies our "American fighting men" sound like. To be incapacitated at the thought of having to shower with a gay man just stinks of weakness and cowardice. Let me tell you something about real men.

Since leaving the military, I have worked as a fitness instructor alongside many straight men. These include pro-bodybuildrs, policemen, firefighters and men from every socio-economic level. Real men just don't worry about other people's sexuality. It only seems to be the weak, fearful ones who are always whining about "morale" and discipline."

I have to point out that it is also pretty self-aggrandizing that so many straight men consider themselves so irresistable that we gay men would even notice them in the shower.

notice them in the shower.

Bob Walton

Religious Drain on Fighting Forces?

The Joint Chiefs fret that ending the ban on gays in I ne Joint Chiefs fret that ending the ban on gays in the military, among other things, could "drive devout ly religious personnel from the armed services." Apparently the devoutly religious cannot risk compromising their killing for the Prince of Peace by doing it alongside the damned.

> Don Stevens San Francisco

Show Strength at March

Last week, President Clinton did a simple and altogether remarkable thing: he demanded justice for

attogether remarkable thing; he demanded justice for lesbians and gay men.

With this action, the man from Little Rock overturned a boulder and allowed a motley crew of raging homophobes and generic bigots to come scurrying into the light. Not since Sheriff Bill Conner turned police dogs and fire hoses on young civil rights workers in the streets of Birmingham 30 years ago, because a condo available disable to the second condo and the second condo available disable to the second condo available to the second condo av

have we seen such a public display of hatred.

I am grateful to the president for what he did. But we cannot depend on others to fight our battles for us. If we are to be truly free, we must win that freedom

If we are to be truly free, we must win that freedom ourselves.

One way to do that is to bring a million lesbians and gay men to the March on Washington on April 25. The March was to have been a grand celebration. It has now become a fight for our very lives, and all of us must be there.

If you were planning a vacation elsewhere, go to Washington instead. If you can afford a hotel room, invite someone who cannot to share it. If you have frequent flyer miles, offer them to a brother or sister who cannot afford a ticket. And if you are, or were, in the

cannot afford a ticket. And if you are, or were, in the armed forces, march in uniform.

The Powells and Nunns and Gramms of the world want to see warriors? We'll show them warriors. We'll demonstrate in terms even they can understand, what they contend with, if they dare deny this army of lovers our rights, in the military or anywhere else.

Only one thing, General Powell: please—PLEASE

don't make us take a shower with you!

Mike Rankin, M.D. Life Member, Vietnam Veterans of America San Francisco

Love For Sale

Each week I do my level best to read the B.A.R. from cover to cover, including Massages, Models/Escorts. I can pick out the old and the new phone changes, dimension changes and some long enough even the age changes though generally in reverse. It is by far the best selection of any paper or magazine I've seen in this great U.S. of A.

These males are in busines as is anyone else, but don't they know there is a recession, a near depres-sion?! Macy's, Saks and even Neiman-Marcus have sales and reduced prices to fit the climate of the times. Can't these service providers, no matter how egotistical they may be, drop their fees for a few months, at least until President Clinton gets us roll-

months, at least until President Clinton gets us rolling again?
For example: How about lower daytime rates — less for weekdays? Two hours for a reduced fee? Perhaps a discount for seniors or types? An after?? P.M. or??
AM. discount? Any of these could be for say, one week only. Let's not forget a midnight madness sale or 2-for-1 massage. How about the ever-popular "holiday" sale! I would be remiss if I didn't mention the enticing close-out sale or today only (with a specific date). And last, a special parts sale.
Come on "studs," — we're glad you're out there and available and we want to buy, but like any commodi-

come on 'studs,' — we're giad you're out there aird available and we want to buy, but like any commodity, it must be affordable. Will you at least consider trying what might might make you comfortable and giving us all a financial break?!

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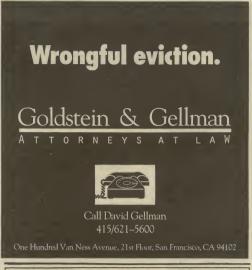


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Letters

Negatives Being Positive

This is in response to Tim Farrell's piece entitled "Viral Apartheid" which appeared in your Jan. 7, 1993 issue. Mr. Farrell raises important issues in his questioning of the decision of the AIDS Health Project's "Negatives Being Positive" program to provide social gatherings specifically for HIV-negative men. We share his concern that such satherings an appretuate share his concern that such gatherings can perpetuate the separatism and discrimination that we all know exists on the part of some HIV-negative men towards

Our reluctance to discontinue the gatherings stems from the same reasons we started offering them a few years ago: to assist HIV-negative men in coping with the epidemic and in maintaining safer sex behavior.
The AIDS Health Project has always taken the position, well supported by research and experience, position, well supported by research and experience, that social support, feelings of connectedness to others sharing similar circumstances, and exposure to group norms play a key role in behavior change. We also believe these to be potent factors in helping people manage grief and depression and enhance their morale. The social gatherings are intended to help provide these supports to the many HIV-negative men who have either completed our six week groups, or for those who, for whatever reasons, do not attend support group meetings. The overall goal is prevention of HIV transmission.

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of HIV transmission.

One might ask why social support offered to HIVnegative men needs to come from other HIV-negative
men. Why can't support come from mixed-HIV-status
gatherings? Part of the answer is that many HIVnegative men in the community have told us they want support from those coping with similar stressors. We first heard this message at two focus groups of HIV-negative men held in Dec. 1990. A large proportion of the approximately 20-25 HIV-negative men attending each of those two focus groups made it clear that they wanted a place to meet and talk openly with others of the same HIV status, and that they did not necessarily want this to be confined to the structure imposed by a support group. Mr. Farrell did not mention it in his article, but a similar show of interest mention it in his article, but a similar show of interest on the part of HIV-positive men prompted us a few years ago to begin offering social gatherings specifically for HIV-positive men. Most recently, those attending our support group for HIV-positive heterosexuals have taken the initiative to begin organizing social gatherings specifically for heterosexual men and women with HIV.

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Another reason for offering social support that is specifically for HIV-negative men is that we have been told by many HIV-negative men that they can open up much more in such a setting. Many feel a level of comfort and mutual understanding in talking with a group of men presumed to be all HIV-negative that does not exist when they know that HIV-positive people are

We believe that it is imperative for the AIDS Health Project as a community agency to provide, to as many HIV-negative men as we can, the social support that is critical in helping cope with their own isolation, grief and loss and with their difficulty finding the internal resolve to maintin safer sex 100 percent of the time. For those HIV-negative men who feel that HIV-negative gatherings offer them needed support they

and find elsewhere, we support the continuation of this admittedly controversial program.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our thinking on this issue. The issue of differing serostatus in the community is a fact of life and, while we never ask anyone his or her status prior to participating in our groups, we accept that different groups of people have different groups of people have different needs and have supported the devel-opment of services that acknowledge those dif-ferences.

erences. James W. Dilley, MD Project Director, UCSF AIDS Health Project San Francisco

Stop Losing Gay Men

Tim Farrell makes some good points in his Jan. 7 article, "Viral Apartheid" on the "Negatives Being Positive" program sponsored by the AIDS Health Project, but the fact remains that whenever an HIV-positive person and an HIV-negative person have "hands on" sex together there is always some risk of the negative partner being infected with the AIDS virus, no matter what precautions are taken responsible. s, no matter what precautions are taken, responsibility is shown and limits are placed on their behavior. Presumably, no "negative" wants to become infected and no "positive" wants to be responsible for (possibly) infecting a "negative" and sexual (as opposed to viral or social) "apartheid" will ensure that these possibilities don't happen. This doesn't mean that negative and positive men can't be friends, support one another, touch and love one another, etc., which, of course, is the case anyway, but is it really so much of a sacrifice to limit onesself to sexual contacts—safe of course—with persons of the same HIV status in view of the availability of sex in the gay community and the payoff i.e., our very survival as a tribe? This at least until the cure is found (and we have to face the unpalatable possibility that one may never be

We have already lost far too many wonderful, creative, life-enriching gay men to this horrible epidemic and in my view any way we can stoplosing more (through infection) has to be preferable to some sort of naive, if well-intentioned inclusivity, which sounds great in theory.

San Francisco

Colorado Boycott Self-Defeating

I have become convinced that the Boycott Colorado ent is a hasty and self-defeating response to a

As everyone must know by now, three of the com-As everyone must know by now, three of the communities most affected by this boycott — Denver, Boulder and Aspen — have gay rights ordinances. "They'll just have to sacrifice," is the usual response of boycott supporters, often with the implied accusation that members of these cities (which voted overwhelmingly against Amendment 2) are at fault for not

having done even more to stop it.

This is great hindsight, but lousy politics. The fact is, we're hurting our supporters in hopes that a little of the economic pain will trickle down to our op-ponents. Sound familiar? Trick-down punishment, even goofier than trickle-down economics. Amendment 2 came about, in large part, as a

backlash against the gay rights ordinances of these three cities. A blanket boycott of Colorado sends out

three cities. A blanket boycott of Colorado sends out a dangerous message: Your support of lesbian and gay rights is now going to cost you.

In a perfect world, voters might flock to vote their conscience, and to hell with their wallet. In the real world, we invite disaster if we start rewarding our supporters with an economic boycott. A targeted boycott, aimed at businesses and cities that supported Amendment 2 would be a far smarter amorach.

ament 2, would be a far smarter approach.

The boycott movement has quickly taken on an aura of political orthodoxy. On this (as on so many other issues), debate should be encouraged, not squelched. Perhaps the time will come when a blanket boycott of Colorado seems like our only option. But it is should be a last resort, not a when a blanket boycott. be a last resort, not a knee-jerk first respons

Sasha Alyson Boston, Mass.

Ignored Boycott

I am greatly disappointed that a large number of gays and lesbians chose to ignore the boycott of Colorado and participate in the Gay Week in Aspen. We have never been a homogenous community when it comes to politics, religion or any other issue, but we do manage to coalesce around a few central issues. Not the least of which is our rights as citizens and tax

payers.

The lesbian and gay people who went to Aspen have rationalized their participation in the event by (supposedly) participating in a demonstration for gay

We must not forget that we have power, we have more now than we ever had. We have a president in office that is more sympathetic to our issues, our causes and our rights, than any other president ever. For our sake and his, we must show that we can coalesce into a formidable force and that we can back his every attempt to gain us our "inalienable rights." The events in Colorado allow us an opportunity to ex-press the full extent of our muscle. These men and women that have traveled to Colorado despite the popular boycott of that state have spent a great deal of gay and lesbian dollars in that state. If they had chosen to withdraw from their previous vacation plans, regardless of money lost on deposits, the impact would have been much greater than a parade and a few speeches.

It is a great shame that our community cannot seem to come together in a force that would cripple those that would strip us of our rights and privileges as citizens of this country. If we don't stand together to deliver one mighty voice into the world, we will never have what so many have worked so hard to achieve for so many years

Enrique Zayas and Edward Kane San Francisco

Avoiding Denver's Airport With A

Eric Payne's article last week described how avoiding changing planes in Denver reduces Colorado's income by a \$3.00 per person Passenger Facilities Charge (a special local tax some airports charge), as well as earnings to Denver baggage handlers, caterers, etc.

Here is updated information on which airports can be accepted to the control of the con

here is updated information on which aniports can be substituted for a Denver connection. United Air Lines' eastbound flights from San Francisco also connect at Chicago or Los Angeles instead of at Denver, American Air Lines can connect at Chicago or Dallas/Fort Worth; Trans World Airlines at St. Louis; Continental Air Lines at Houston or Cleveland; U.S. Air est Pitthers of Chellette, Dale & Littlesen Air at Pittsburg or Charlotte; Delta Air Lines at Salt Lake City, Cincinnati or Dallas, and American West through Phoenix or Las Vegas.

Avoidance of Denver's airport is well underway. We are routing several members of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America through Cleveland, not Denver, to April's March on Washington; and we flew San Francisco's band through Cleveland for the Clinton In-

We support the Colorado boycott and thank the B.A.R. for showing travelers how they too can par-

Tony Finnerty Winship Travel San Francisco

Wayne Friday

Washington political ob-servers no doubt expected op-position to President Clinton's plan to lift the ban against

plan to lift the ban against gays in the military from the Republicans, but shouldn't the man who took back the White House from the GOP be expected to have support from those powerful members of his own party?

While it's no secret that Clinton and Senator Sam Nunn, chair of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee, have little love for each other (Nunn gave only passing help to Clinton's presidential bid, even after he won the nomination) the senior senator from Georgia has nior senator from Georgia has turned out to be the one person giving the new adminis-tration the most trouble about lifting the military's gay ban. Nunn, who built his career kissing the asses of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made it known

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from the beginning that he was homophobic on the military issue (some D.C. gay/lesbian activists say he's a stoned out and out homo-

stoned out and out homophobe, in the style of Jesse Helms) and, in fact, once had two gay staffers fired from the Pentagon, claiming they constituted "security risks."

Those who know Nunn best say he has always secretly harbored presidential ambitions himself, failing that, he was quietly lobbying for Clinton to appoint him Secretary of State or, at the very least, of State or, at the very least, Defense Secretary. (More than one fellow Democratic senator will tell you Nunn's not happy unless he's calling the power plays, and his current anti-gay stance on the rent anti-gay stance on the military issue shows he's only too eager to take on his own party and his own president if

party and his own president if it's good for a few headlines.)
Will he eventually buckle?
You can be damned sure he will; the federal pork barrel for the Georgia senator can dry up pretty fast if and when the White House passes the word, and no one knows this better than Nunn. He also knows that the times are changing and the ban will be lifted, like it or not. Whatever he eventually does, I hope Atlanta's supposedly strong gay and lesbian community makes him pay big time makes him pay big time when he comes up for re-elec-

So, where do we stand on So, where do we stand on the lift-the-gay-ban plan that candidate Bill Clinton promised the gay and lesbian community? For the moment:

1. Defense Secretary Aspin has until July 15 to draft an executive order that would end the current policy of excluding people from the mili. cluding people from the mili-tary solely because they are gay; the order also would es-



Activist in Los Angeles

(Photo: Karen Ocamb)

(Photo: Karen Ocamb) tablish strict standards of sexual conduct for all members of the military. 2. Discharges of gay members of the military will be suspended until the policy question is resolved. In the interim, gay soldiers in the process of being discharged will be removed from active duty and shifted to standby reserve status. 3. The government will stop legal proceedings to discharge gal proceedings to discharge gay and lesbian members of the military. 4. Recruiters will

the military. 4. Recruiters will stop asking enlistees about their sexual orientation.

Hearings will be held over the next six months and many think that rather than have a prolonged, bitter debate about the issue, the six months may serve as a cooling off period and buy time for Clinton's plan.

The hearings are expected to examine a wide range of issues, including how other countries—such as Canada—have dealt with the change in policy to include open gays

have dealt with the change in policy to include open gays and lesbians, and possible new rules of conduct for both homosexuals and heterosexuals in the military. While not publicly saying so, several senators, including even a few GOPs, admit the big change in how the rest of the country has accepted gays might has accepted gays might make it easier for the military

to change.
Even Ohio Senator John Glenn, the highly decorated World War II Marine pilot/astronaut who never favored lifting the ban, was talking compromise and "change" this week, Glenn, chairman of the Armed Services Compited this week. Glenn, chairman of the Armed Services Commit-tee's manpower and personal subcommittee, said that he wasn't sure he favored the change, but commented "I think change is coming the question is how we do it." He could be a powerful ally in this battle.

The scheduled hearings

The scheduled hearings night not be a bad idea, and in fact, it is probably the only way the administration can go now. There are at the mo-ment too many senators op-posed to lifting the ban (al-though the five Democratic women senators are in favor.

and the lone GOP woman senator, Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas, says she is "inclined to make conduct, not orientation" the standard but will wait until the hearings to make up her mind.)

make up her mind.)
Kansas' other senator,
GOP leader Bob Dole, publicly says he still opposes the
change but appears willing to
listen. Appearing on NBC's
Meet The Press, Dole said he
is not at all comfortable being
considered anti-gay: "I don't
like my role as the Republican leader on this issue or
any other issue that might
tend to discriminate against
someone," he said, adding,
"I'm not a gay basher."
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Incidentally, a current New York Times/CBS News poll found 42 percent of the public in favor of gays serving in the military and 48 percent opposed; among women, 52 percent were in favor and 38 percent were in favor and 38 percent were in favor and 50 percent were in favor

cent were in favor and 38 per-cent opposed. Among men, 59 percent were opposed (sur-prise, anyone?) and 31 percent in favor. Most other polls show similar divisions.

As for President Clinton, we should thank the guy for sticking to his guns on this is-sue; he has clearly shown that even if it cost him some polit-ical points, he doesn't plan to back down on a campaign back down on a campaign promise to a community that overwhelmingly supported him. This might take more time than some would like, but it will happen and as a community, we should trust him to work this out in a way he thinks best. Acceptance of gay and lesbian Americans in the military will come, despite the Sam Nunns, Strom Thurmonds, and Jesse Helmof the world.

Politics & People

Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, soon to be an assistant secretary of HUD, has suddenly become an overnight national political celebrity; feature stories with photos appeared last week in the L.A. Times, USATOday, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and a host of other dailies. And both Achtenberg and Carole Migden were featured in the lead story by Dan Rather on the CBS Nightly News last week. Both Achtenberg and Migden are hard workers and a credit to our community, and Roberta will do just fine in Washington.

By the way, both Mayor Jordan and Police Chief Tony Ribera sent letters to General Colin Powell, the anti-gay chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last week, urging acceptance of the lift-the-banagainst-gays plan.

Kangaroo Court? If ever a Supervisor Roberta Acht-

ceptance of the interne-bair-against-gays plan.

Kangaroo Court? If ever a man got railroaded by a judge and jury, it has to be Bill Honig; this guy might not be a personable dude (I've met



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The Outer Limit

A Capitol Idea

by Rachel Pepper

After turning up my nose for weeks, I've decided to attend the March On Washington this April. Why haven't I wanted to go? Perhaps it's because I've been to DC for the last gay march in '87, the prochoice march in '89, and as a panelist at the NGLTF conference in 1991. So I've been feeling a little hurned out on

ference in 1991. So I've been feeling a little burned out on DC recently.

True, I did love the '87 March on Washington. What affirmation for a young dyke fresh outta journalism school! The march, the wedding, the subways packed with queers, the dancing all night, it was all too much fun. Me, standing high up on a press deck, ing high up on a press deck, photographing the crowds in utter awe, listening to Whoopi Goldbergcall Reagan "the fucking president." How could anything top that, I

wondered? Better try some-thing new, and go to Amster-dam in April, instead.

As fate would have it, however, two events last week seemed to change my mind for me. First, Ggreg Taylor called me tired for not planning to go to the March on Washington. Then I got of-fered a door position at one of DC's hottest clubs for the

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night of the march. How could I possibly let Ms. Taylor think of me as anything less than cool? And how could I even consider turning down the opportunity to stamp the hands of feisty fags and delicious dykes from all and delicious dykes from all over the world on such a momentous occasion? If truth be told, I could not.

So now I'm going, and I have to say I'm getting kind

of excited. It's going to be one of those wild weekends packed full of that potent mixture of politics and partying. Then a pal and I are going to take the train to New York and extend our high for a few days hopping around the Big Apple. And who knows what adventures lay in store for us there? After all, we spent our last trip to NY we spent our last trip to NY in a bar-hopping blur culminating in a chance meeting with Madonna at The Real Live Brady Bunch Show. Still, I do feel some guilt about viewing the march as a giant party when I've done so little personally to promote other important causes like the boycott of Colorado. Maybe we should move the march there, instead?

For as Rex Wockner, Chicago's controversial gay columnist, wrote in the January 13 Nightlines, "I can't

granted that I had access to birth control, I still feel that

even believe it's been over two months and we haven't even organized a frigging 'gentle angry people' march (gag me) through Denver or Colorado Springs. Instead, we're hyping for a March on Washington, on a Sunday when no one will be there, with a platform that has been diluted into meaninglessness diluted into meaninglessness by embracing 100 'progressive' causes unconnected to equality for homosexuals. I've

equality for homosexuals. I've never seen a sorrier minority group than homosexuals. ... I'm barfing."

Gosh, Rex, you sure took the fun out of that for a moment or two, even if I have to say I somewhat agree with you. But what better chance to meet up with all my East Coast friends, or celebrate the good things that the Clinton administration has already done than go to DC in April?

The cherry trees will be al-The cherry trees will be almost blooming, the air sweet and fresh, the Vietnam Wall gleaming in the soft spring night. I'm already anticipating browsing the stacks and sip-ping coffee at Kramerbooks, bopping into Lambda Rising for a queer book fix, and trot-ting over to the Smithsonian to pose in front of Amelia Er-

And while I bet Rex and many other men don't get it, I want to march with and for a president who cares enough about women's lives to sign important pro-choice legisla-tion right after taking office. On the 20th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, Clinton erased some of the worst of Bush's legacy by decreeing that federally funded clinics could once again advise on abortion. He also opened the door to letting the French abortion pill RU 486 into the country. And having once been a sexually active teenage girl who took for

pro-choice issues are more im-

pro-choice issues are more important to me personally than whether queers can openly fight in wars.

Of course the issue is much bigger than that, but it is a bit ironic that some of the same activists who were burning American flags a year ago were marching down Market street last week holding them up proudly. And for what? The right to fight? Yuck. I love my country and I certainly support the right of gays to serve openly in the military if they want to, but don't ever expect to see in the military if they want to, but don't ever expect to see me chanting, "We're Here, We're Queer, We're Gonna Rape, Loot, and Pillage, and Then We Wanna Beer" anytime soon. And I still wish that men like Rex, who define gay rights rather narrowly, would get just how important pro-choice issues are for all of us. But maybe you have to be able to feel the possibility of new life within you to understand that reproductive rights and queer ones really

understand that reproductive rights and queer ones really do go hand in hand.

To end on a cheery note, hand in hand went Elvis and Glam through the crowd greeting their well wishers at their one year anniversary last Friday night at Klubstitute. Given the new and slightly out-of-the-way location, it was perhaps a smaller crowd present than anticipated, given the mob gathered at their "wedding" last year. Nonetheless, all the usual suspects seemed to be there having a good time, and there ing a good time, and there wasn't a dry eye in the place when Elvis took Glam in her arms and they slow danced together under the spotlights. Happy anniversary, you two, and may SF's favorite drag couple celebrate many more wonderful years together! ▼

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him on occasion and he has the personality of an ice cube) but the Republican judge in Sacramento and his friends in Sacramento and his friends in the attorney general's office did a job on one of the state's best public servants; Lungren, incidentally, gloating all the way, issued a statement saying, "some may wish to characterize Honig's conviction and removal from office as and removal from office as a and removal from office as a tragedy; if so, it is a tragedy of his own making." (Look for Governor Wilson to appoint state Senator Becky Morgan, a Republican from Los Altos Hills and the vice chair of the state senate's Education Committee, to take over when Honig is sentenced later this

month.) Lungren is a horse's ass who must be removed from office in 1994.

from office in 1994.

Sacramento gossip has it that the right-wingers, clearly in control of the GOP state machinery, are urging the anti-gay Lungren to forgo another race for AG and challenge Wilson in a gubernatorial primary; this effort probably won't fly, but the fundamentalists who now control that party despise Wilson and the pressure on their hero.

that party despise whish and the pressure on their hero, Lungren, could get heavy. Meanwhile, could it be the national Republican Party is finally seeing the light? Outmany seeing the light? Outgoing national chair Rich Bond warned his party last week that among other things, the GOP is on a "sure path to political disaster" unless it softens its unvisibilities. less it softens its unvielding

Sears Discontinues Sexy Prodigy Board

by Orland Outland

Last week Sears-based Prodigy Information Services deleted its "Frank Discussion" bulletin board from its intrabulletin board from its intra-user communication features, claiming the nature of the electronic notes left on the board had become too graphi-ic. Prodigy subscribers at-tempting to log onto "Frank Discussion" found instead a letter from Prodigy President Ross Glatzer, which detailed the company's reasons for ter-minating the board. Prodigy had created the Frank Discussion bulletin board four months ago, in re-sponse to complaints that sex-

board four months ago, in response to complaints that sexually explicit and offensive material was being posted where young children could access it. Prodigy markets itself as a family service and its advertisements show nuclear families as typical subscribers. However, a large number of gays and lesbians had also subscribed to the service, many of whom made no secret of their sexuality in the notes they posted in Prodigy's bulletin boards. Some of the notes went beyond gender preference and into more detailed desires. A number of straight and bisexual subscribers were also more graphic than most members.

straight and bisectual subsectibers were also more graphic than most members of Prodigy's other boards, such as "Homelife."

Frank Discussion was created as a forum for adults to talk about religion, politics, and sex; the censorship Prodigy felt to be necessary in the "family" area of the bulletin boards would not be an issue here. The new board would also be password-protected by the main user of the subscription so children without the password could not access the board.

password could not access the board.

In Glatzer's letter of January 29, he said "topics designed to foster reasoned discussion were often being overwhelmed by extremely explicit material ... it's simply not a business we choose to be in. ... Our public bulletin boards are reserved for communication among the entire munication among the entire community and, as such, must reflect the broader communi-

reflect the Bloader Community's needs."

Although the general topics in Frank Discussion were moved to another board, Prodigy spokesman Brian Ek said, "While we believe the



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certain things we are no longer going to allow." While neither President Glatzer nor spokesman Ek elaborated, spokesman Ek elaborated, Prodigy's decision was probably stemmed by user-created subjects in Frank Discussion like "Back Door Action," "Need Penis Now!," "ZZ Top/Bottom," and others along the same line.
Gay and lesbian Prodigy subscribers who frequently accessed Frank Discussion gave a variety of responses in

gave a variety of responses in their new home, "Health and Lifestyles." More conservative their new home, "Heatth and Lifestyles." More conservative subscribers said members who had written graphic notes were "asking for it" and applauded the move, but the majority of subscribers were angry. Prodigy spokesman Brian Ek said this was the first time an entire board had been deleted, and the first time any change had been made to a board without any advance notice. Ek said the decision was prompted not by the gay and lesbian postings in the subtopic "Alternative Lifestyles" but by the straight postings in "Sexual Issues. President Glatzer's letter to subscribers did not specify which subtopic or subjects had been the offending parties.

While Ek said the decision

While Ek said the decision to delete the board had been made "over a period of time," when he spoke to this re-

porter two weeks prior to the termination of the board for a Bay Area Reporter story on gays and Prodigy, he denied gays and Prodigy, he denied rumors circulating among subscribers that there were any plans to delete the board. At that time, Prodigy's position was that Frank Discussion was the "most reasonable solution" to the conflict between Prodigy's family service image and the free speech rights of non-traditional subscribers.

Asked how Prodigm would

al subscribers.

Asked how Prodigy would keep the explicit notes off the new board, Ek said, "We're going to do the best we can with a lot of help from our members. We'll be looking at the boards from time to time, but we'll be relying heavily on our members.' Asked if the new board would also be terminated if members become graphic again despite Prodigy's request, Ek would say only, "We have no expectation that that will be necessary."

sary."
Prodigy denies any pres sure was exerted on them to make this decision by funda-mentalist organizations. However, these groups were no doubt aware of Frank Discus-sion's existence and character: many fundamentalists would log onto Frank Discussions to leave messages about God's wrath, AIDS as God's punishment, and what hell would be like for homosexuals.

(Continued from previous page opposition to abortion: following that, his new replacement, Haley Barbour, told the GOP National Committee meeting in St. Louis that "if we continue to make abortion the threshold of Republicanism, we need our heads examined." All in all, not a good

we need out fleatis examined." All in all, not a good week for Phyllis Schlafly and Pat Buchanan.

As for the Democrats, look for longtime lesbian activist Jean Harris, one of Mayor Jordan's top City Hall aides, torun for Secretary of the California Demo Party at the April 2-4 Sacramento convention; LA television commentator Bill Press is expected to replace Phil Angelidies as the new state Demo chair.

Speaking of LA, I don't have a vote there, but if I did I'd be torn between Coun-

cilmembers Joel Wachs and Michael Woo in April's LA mayoral election; both are good friends of the gay and lesbian community.

More than a few gay and lesbian activists here were anlesbian activists here were annoyed at the senseless comment by attorney Paul Wotman, who usually says sensible things, when he commented last week on the attempt to stop the ban against gays and lesbians in the military. Wotman: "If this is stopped, the March on Washington is going to be a very, very angry affair — a demonstration potenaffair—a demonstration potentially like the LA riots." Riots??—a dumb comment from

ots: — a dumb comment from an otherwise pretty smart gay rights lawyer. Dignity, the organization of gay, lesbian, and bisexual Catholics and their friends,

will mark its 20th anniversary in San Francisco with the Pax et Bonum dinner dance and et Bonum dinner dance and awards presentation February 20 at the ANA Hotel; Supervisor Achtenberg, the Filipino Task Force on AIDS, and Dignity members Reverend Tom Ryan and Thomas Kaun will be honored (255-9244 for tix and info.)

A big crowd's expected at tomorrow night's annual Chi-nese American Demo Club dinner; the attraction is Sena-tor Dianne Feinstein as the keynote speaker (750-9300 if you can still get tickets). Senator Feinstein wrote an

op ed piece in the Examiner urging an end to the ban against gays in the military, but what else would we expect from a woman who has long been a friend of our community? ▼





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Community News



Stuart Siegel (left) discussed the meaning of the word ''queer'' with his mother, Laura Siegel

An Interview With My Queer Son

by Laura Siegel

Our son Stuart came out to our son Squart came out to us in 1985 when he was 19. Over the next six years, my husband, Howard, and I joined PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), came out to many ot our friends, relatives, and co-workers, and marched in the San Francisco Gay Pride Pa-San Francisco Gay Pride Parade. We are proud of our gay son and happy with our involvement in the gay community. We speak to high school groups and other parents of gay and lesbian children. We write letters to the newspapers and our elected representatives demanding equality for homosexuals.

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One day, in January 1991, about a week after the war started in the Persian Gulf, my son and I were sipping lattes at Just Desserts on Church Street. Stuart was discussing his activism with Queer Nation and his involvement in protesting the war I ment in protesting the war. I was telling him about my complacency during the Vietnam War, when I was a new mother with two babies and could not understand how the could not understand how the war personally affected me and my children. I went about the business of changing diapers. Now I suddenly had a son (two sons actually) who could be drafted, one who was active in the gay rights movement.
"I'd like to ask a favor of you," he said, changing the subject. "I'm proud of your involvement in PFLAG. I'm glad you can tell all your

glad you can tell all your friends that I'm gay. But from now on when you come out to people, instead of using the word 'gay," would you say 'queer?' Can you tell them your son is queer?"

What followed was a great

deal of stammering on my part. I told him I was not comfortable with the word comioranie with the word "queer." I mumbled some-thing about its derogatory connotation. And yet the word "queer" had an energy I liked, a vitality. I told my son I would like to interview him shout the importance of the about the importance of the word "queer" to his identity. We met in his home two

weeks later. He began:
Laura: You asked me to
use the word "queer" instead
of gay." Tell me what that word

eans to you?
Stuart: I have never been comfortable using the word "gay." I didn't know why. When "queer" came along and I started using it, I loved it immediately. It was like a gut reaction. There are two reasons for that. As far as the literal definition goes, "gay" means happy and "queer" means different. I feel more different than I feel happy. I mean, I feel happy some of the time but not all of the time. But I feel different all of the time. the time. I also like it because it includes gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals, and transgender. The word "queer" feels more complete.

L: Talk more about feeling

different. Do you want to feel different?

S: Yes. I always felt different, since I was a teenager. I was taught not to feel differwas taught not to feel different, to try and fit in and be like everyone else. Even in the gay community we're taught to conform. So when the queer community started last August (I see August as the birth of the queer community — when Queer Nation was born) we were finally given the opportunity to express en the opportunity to express our differences.

L: As individuals or as a

As individuals or as a

C: As individuals or as a group?

S: Both. As individuals we're all different. As a group we're different from the mainstream. We're young. We're activists. We're not entirely young but I guess we tend to attract transport tirely young out I guess we tend to attract young people because we're very energetic.

L: Now you're specifically talking about Queer Nation?

S: Yes. Don't you want me

to? L: Not necessarily. "Queers" are more than Queer Nation, aren't they?

S: True, Queers are more politically conscious. I'm going to make a lot of generalizations now. Queers are very anti-government in the way the government is being run row. The government is being run row. The government is possible to the construction of the constru now. The gay community is happy to an extent with the way we've been accepted into society and feels we've done our job. The queer communibut job. Interest way. We feel that we've only been accepted as gays when we present a straight image. For example, the domestic partner issue is taking a straight issue and turning it into a gay issue. The gay suit and tie crowd, and lipstick lesbians are accepted much more than those of us who dress radical-ly. I think we've been accepted on their [straight] terms and not on our own terms. That to me is not acceptance. We want to be accepted for who we are. As queers we're much more willing to be out there and open, as open as possible, about who we are.

L: So that all gay people are not gueer?

are not queer?

S: That's correct.

L: And they probably don't want to be called that eithe

S: Definitely. There's quite a backlash. A lot of people see queer as a bad, derogatory word. Let me look it up in the dictionary and see what it says. "Queer: Differing in some odd way from what is ordinary. Singular, peculiar." I don't think being singular or peculiar is a bad thing at all. The second definition is slang. It says, "Spurious counterfeit." I don't choose to use that as my definition. The other slang is "suspicious and questionable." So I can see

questionable." So I can see how there's some objection.

L: Maybe it's more how "queer" has been misused that makes people object to it. The word exists in the heterosexual community too—if you're different in any way, if you don't fall into the mainstream.

you don't fall into the mainstream.
S: Right. People think of
that as a bad thing. Another
definition here is "eccentric."
L: At the last PFLAG
meeting one parent said,
"When we give ourselves
names, we have to watch out
that we don't choose names
that are actually put-downs,
because we tend in our society to put ourselves down so
much anyway. And gay people have learned to internalize put-downs. Is the word
"queer" a self-put-down under
the surface?
S: Well we've also been

S: Well we've also been calling ourselves fag and dyke. Let me look up fag: "a bundle of sticks." In taking a word that has been used against us, we are essentially neutralizing it. The word be-fore has been used against us.

neutralizing it. The word before has been used against us.
However in using it in a positive way, we're neutralizing
it. It doesn't mean anything.
It's not a "good" or a "bad"
word. It's iust a word.

L: You don't feel you take
along with that any of the
negative implications?

S: I don't. After all 30
years ago "gay" did not mean
homosexual.

L: How did the word
"gay" come about?

S: "Gay" came about because gay people started using it and they defined their
own word. That's what we're
trying to do now. We're trying to fuck with the English
language. And it's going to
work. That's how language
evolves. By people messing
with it.

L: We had dinner with

work. That's how language evolves. By people messing with it.

L: We had dinner with your uncle the other night. I (Continued on page 18)

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Join the Peptide Generation: Study Needs Volunteers

A new drug that offers hope for people with AIDS is likely to be available this year to treat one AIDS symptom, and may be available next year to treat another, accordyear to treat another, according to medical experts. But more testing, money, and pressure on the government are needed to determine if the drug, Peptide T, can cure

Peptide T could be available by September to soothe

AIDS patients who suffer from a painful burning sensa-tion in their feet or hands, also known as peripheral neualso known as peripheral neuropathy. According to UCSF nurse Laura Goldbaum, about 30 percent of people with AIDS develop peripheral neuropathy, either from the disease itself, or as a side-effect from taking AIDS drugs AZT, ddC, or ddl.

Peptide T may also be prescribed as early as March 1994 to remedy AIDS and AIDS-related concentration

and memory deficiencies, according to Dr. Peter Heseltine, a professor of medicine at the University of Southern California. Heseltine is the principal investigator of a Peptide T neuropsychological study currently underway in Lea Acrelas Son Pierre and Los Angeles, San Diego, and

Mami.

Perhaps more significant—
and more controversial — the
lead inventor of Peptide T,
Dr. Candace B. Pert, claims
that the drug may have antiviral effects, thereby slowing,
stopping, and/or reversing an
HIV-positive person's degrading immune system.

Not only does Pert say
that the drug was originally
designed to be an anti-viral
drug, but anecdotal evidence
from a previous Peptide T
study shows that the drug
may have already dramatically helped some AIDS patients
stay healthy and alive.

After the completion of an
initial study to document benefits of Peptide T, 16 men
continued to accept doses of
Pervide T, helf of them sure Perhaps more significant -

continued to accept doses of Peptide T, half of them sup-plementing it with other drugs. Because their T-cell counts were so low — less than 500 — Pert said that typthan 500 — Pert said that typ-ically, only a few would be expected to survive for four years. Today, more than four years since that test ended, 14 of those 16 men are still liv-

ng.
Recognizing that the small sample size and other contributing factors may have masked what role, if any, Peptide T took in keeping the men healthy, Pert is nonetheless convinced that her drug has anti-viral potential. As such, she's calling for more

Other researchers, howevor, are either cautious or unimpressed with her find-ings. The government has so far chosen to focus most of its funding in areas other than Peptide T.

Peptide T.
Heseltine, who is conducting the neuropsychological study on Peptide T, refused

Candice Pert

speculate on its potential

to speculate on its potential effectiveness as an anti-viral drug. "I haven't seen any evidence that Peptide T stops the AIDS virus from reproducing itself," said Heseltine. Even Jerry Tarantino, whose Sewickley, Pennsylvania-based venture capital firm, Advanced Peptides, has poured millions of dollars into Peptide T research, is nervous about overselling the drug's potential. "We are

nervous about overselling the drug's potential. "We are making no claims that it is anti-viral," Tarantino told the Bay Area Reporter.

But Pert is staking her reputation on Peptide T. She holds a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Johns Hopkins University and is a former chief gy from Johns Hopkins University and is a former chief of the section of brain biochemistry at the National Institute of Mental Health. Currently she is a visiting professor at Rutgers University while continuing her work on Peptide T research.

Pert's push for Peptide T also stems from the meager drug alternatives.

AZT, ddI, and ddC are the only federally approved anti-

only federally approved anti-viral AIDS drugs available today. But all three are heavily toxic, often causing severe and debilitating side-effects, which can lead to death in extreme cases. Those side-effects include painful neuropathy, an inflamed pancreas, nausea, and mild to severe headaches.

Peptide T is not toxic and

does not cause any negative side-effects, according to five years of testing results. Only occasional minor and self-reoccasional minor and self-re-solving sinus problems are caused sometimes, and that's due to a nasal spray used to administer the drug. Furthermore, recent stud-

ies are showing that after long-term use, the anti-viral effects can diminish in patients using the most com-monly prescribed AIDS drug, AZT. While some people are naturally intolerant to the drug, others who use it can develop a resistance to it.

Pert believes that more trials could quickly and econom-

als could quickly and economically tell if Peptide T prolongs life and prevents healthy, HIV-positive people from getting sick. But that could cost millions.

Pert is hopeful that the new Clinton administration will add to the estimated \$5 to \$10 million of Peptide T research money already.

research money already spent. But she realizes that

she can't count on it.

"People need to let the powers that be in Washington know that these [Peptide T] tests are vital," said Pert. "If we don't do the tests, we'll never know the promise of the drug."

Volunteers Needed Now

Another priority Pert sees is getting Peptide T available to the public for peripheral neuropathy. To do that, nine more people must be signed up in a study that's currently underway in San Francisco, Manhattan, and Amsterdam.

Once the study is finished — which researchers estimate will happen by mid-Summer

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— and if the results are compelling, the FDA could approve the drug shortly there-

Pert believes that the only stumbling block to getting (Continued on page 19)

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For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 353-8215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

Nonoxynol-9 or Nonoxynol-None?

by Dennis Conkin

Although a personal lubricant popular among sexually active gay men is touted to contain nonoxynol 9, a mild detergent that kills sperm and is reputed to kill HIV, repeated lab tests raise serious questions are serious questions. tions about the claim.

According to a a copyrighted article by the Condom Resource Center, Dr. Clark Tay-lor, a research fellow at the San Francisco State Universi-San Francisco State University Center For Research and Education in Sexuality (CERES), submitted nine samples of Wet brand lubricant manufactured between January 1991 and April 1992 to an independent lab for analysis — and no nonoxynol 9

was detectable.
"The lab was so shocked that they recalibrated their instruments, tested a sample spiked with a minute known quantity of N-9 to make sure the instruments were working correctly, and then tested all the Wet samples again. Only the spiked sample showed signs of containing the chemical. The retaining the chemical. The results stand: the lab could find

no detectable levels of N-9."

no detectable levels of N-9," the article states.

The article will appear in Condom Sense, a biannual publication that will be distributed this week, said Buzz Bense, education director for Eros, the Center For Safe

Although the owner of the company that sells Wet, Michael Trygstad of Dynamic Concepts, acknowledged "there were problems" with the lab that manufactured Wet until last February, he told Condom Sense that Wet now contains n-9 at levels be-

tween .1 and 1 percent.

Trygstad said that the low levels of n-9 are because some

levels of n.9 are because some people find high levels of the spermicide irritating.

N.9 costs about a dollar a gallon and has a bitter taste that leaves the tongue slightly numb. Some people who use products containing the chemical experience contact derivative of the product of the contact derivative ical experience contact dermatitis, a slight reddening or irritation of the skin. For the chemical to be effective as a spermicide and viricide, it must be present at levels of no less than a persent accord. no less than 1 percent, according to current medical belief.

Condom Sense paid for its own pre-publication lab analysis of two samples of Wet—one purchased and one supplied by Dynamic Concepts—and found that the purchased sample contained "undetectable amounts" of n-9 and the Dynamic Concepts sample contained .9 percent: not enough to provide germ killing action, according to the article, and not as much as claimed. Condom Sense paid for its

Taylor informed state health officials to no avail—and in October informed the federal Food and Drug Administration. Although a representative of the FDA agreed that analytical results of "no detectable levels of n-9 would reader the product." would render the product misbranded," no specific fu-ture action has been undertaken, the article notes.

Under present law, person-lubricants cannot reveal Under present law, person-al lubricants cannot reveal how much n-9 they contain, because it would constitute a "medical claim" and there are no state or federal criteria for the inclusion of n-9 in sexual lubricants, according to the

Schindler

about them.

And, the source said, he believes Schindler's murder was premeditated, a deadly punishment for the "crime" of

being gay.

"I believe they saw Schindler was by himself, they followed him to the park and made sure he was alone, and they attacked him," the petty officer said.

"Trial is doomed"

Implicated in the murder are Airman Charles Vins and Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey. The Navy announced February 3 that Helvey will be charged with Schindler's murder in a court-martial. At press time, a trial date had

not been set.

In exchange for testifying against Helvey, Vins was of-fered a pre-trial agreement in which he pleaded guilty to which he pleaded guilty to three lesser charges. In a November 22 court-martial, Vins was found guilty of failure to report an offense, resisting apprehension, and concealing a serious offense.

Vins is serving a fourmonth sentence for those offenses, after which he will be given a bad-conduct discharge, said Lieutenant Commander Betsy Bird of Pacific

mander Betsy Bird of Pacific Fleet Public Affairs in Hawaii.

But according to the anonymous source, three other men may have been in-volved in the attack — and Vins participated fully in the actual beating of Schindler rather than merely standing by and watching as some re-

by and watching as some re-ports have indicated.

"The trial — it's already doomed from the get-go," the petty officer said. "The homo-sexuality issue — they're going to blow it out the window to blow it out the window like it had no bearing on it. We were all threatened by Helvey. He would call us fags and tell us to get out of the military. He told us if we didn't get out soon, they were going to do something about it."

Brutal Attack

On the night Schindler was killed, the petty officer said he and several other friends, including Schindler, planned to go to a club together. When Schindler didn't meet up with the rest of the group, the petty officer and another sailor started back to-ward the ship to find him.

As they entered the park that is adjacent to the military base, the petty officer said they saw people they couldn't identify scuffling near a pub-

identify scuffling near a public bathroom.

"We could see it looked like there were five or six people and they were pushing and shoving this one guy," the petty officer said. "Three of them took off. They just started running like bats out of hell while the other two were pushing this guy inside the bathroom." bathroom.'

bathroom."
The petty officer remained at the park entrance while the other sailor ran to the bathroom window where he saw Vins and Helvey stomping on Schindler, the petty officer said. Another man approached the bathroom and the petty officer's friend ran back toward the park entrance while the assailants ran from the bathroom, the petty officer said. petty officer said.

The petty officer went for help and returned to the bath-

room with military police. Then they entered the bath-

Then they entered the bath-room.

"There was like a blood spot on the wall and there was a trail that went into a big blood puddle on the floor," the petty officer said. "The entire floor around the body was — it looked like there were two or three inch-es of blood down there, but the ruy was still aliye, I saw the guy was still alive. I saw him and he was trying to

him and he was trying to breathe."

"At this point, we didn't know it was Schindler," he said. "The way it looked he had lacerations everywhere. His chest looked like it was sucked in a little bit. I didn't see a nose. One of his eyes was so swollen it looked like it was sunk inside, actually it looked like he didn't have an eye and the other eye was looked like he didn't have an eye and the other eye was swollen shut, too, and his lips were cut like they were almost dangling. Looking at it was disgusting. Blood was everywhere. It looked like there were cracks in his skin on his head — like an egg — and blood was coming out of his head. The side of his face looked like it was up some and his face was caved in a little bit."

Later that night, the petty officer was told the murder victim was Schindler.

"We couldn't believe it was Schindler. We were like, 'That wasn't Schindler. That didn't look nothing like him at all! I was so mad and so upset," he said.

Ongoing harassment

Helvey and Vins began harassing Schindler and his friends at the end of 1991—soon after Schindler was assigned to the Belleau Wood, according to the petty officer.

"They labeled us the fabu-lous five," he said. "All of our friends, we would sit at a table and we would act crazy sometimes but we never hurt anyone, we never went out purposely messing with any-one. We just went out together for kicks

The petty officer said Schindler sparked resentment among other sailors because he was open about his sexual-

"He was really open. It's not like he went around telling everyone about [his ho-mosexuality, but] he didn't hide it that well and I, along with his other friends, tried to tell him to control the way he approached people because I thought I hid it pretty well," he said. "The reason people were pointing fingers at me was because I hung out with Schindler."

A day before Schindler's Murder, another of the so-called fabulous five — an airman — was attacked in his bunk while he slept, the petty officer said. officer said.

"He was lying in his rack," he said. "There were three he said. "There were three guys who came up, one held his legs down, one held his chest down, and the other was hitting him in the face. He had cuts underneath his eye on the side that they were hitting him on because the guy had rings, and they wrote on his rack 'fag' and 'ball gazer' and stuff like that."

The petty officer said the

er' and stuff like that."

The petty officer said the airman reported the incident to the legal officer, who postponed taking action until the next day — after Schindler was killed. At that point the airman was removed from the ship and has since been discharged the petty officer. discharged, the petty officer

Lieutenant Commander Bird confirmed that the airman was removed from the Belleau Wood the day after Schindler's murder, but she said she could not confirm that he had been dis-

"They weren't in any big hurry to get him off," the anonymous source said. "See, anonymous source said. "See, this is where the command is at fault because when someone comes to the legal officer or captain and reports and says, 'look, we're homosexual and we want to get out of the military because we're getting harassment, they're supposed to take you off the ship. Schindler was on that ship for almost a month and shall be. Schindler was on that ship for almost a month-and-a-half before they even tried to take him off the ship."

According to the Navy, Schindler notified commanding officers of his homosexuality September 24.

Threats Ignored

"[Schindler's] division officer, his chief, people he worked with on the ship, gave him a hard time on his job because they had a suspicion that he was homosexual," the petty officer said. "They would find little things to try and write him up on, to get him in trouble."

An example of this, the pet-ty officer said, was when the Belleau Wood was stationed in Hawaii last September and Hurricane Iniki hit the islands. "We got news that the hur-

"We got news that the hurricane was coming," he said.
"We did an emergency pullaway and there were a lot of
sailors who were still stuck on
shore and Schindler was one
of them. When the ship came
back in to pick everyone up,
he was the only one that got
written up for an unauthorized
absence and it wasn't his
fault." fault.

Lieutenant Commander Bird confirmed that the Bel-leau Wood was stationed in Hawaii when the hurricane hit, but she said she could not

hit, but she said she could not confirm that Schindler was punished for being onshore when the ship pulled away. Top officers on the Belleau Wood ignored threats against Schindler and the others until Schindler's murder, the petty officer said.

"It's (now that they didn't

"It's funny that they didn't start to do their jobs as far as helping people out that needed help until something like this happened. ... We told them long before Schindler was killed of the harassment that was going on.

No Record of Threats

The Navy denies that Schindler or anyone else aboard the Belleau Wood filed complaints of anti-gay harass-ment or threats.

"We have no record that Schindler had filed any kind

Schindler had filed any kind of complaint for harassment," Lieutenant Commander Bird said. "If he had been harassed and hadn't filed a complaint, there's nothing that we can do. "The problem, as I see it, with this case is there seem to be some very knowledgeable spokesmen that appear to know more than the investigators do," Bird said. "This is a murder case and it is being investigated and the Navy is do vestigated and the Navy is do-ing its best to come to the bottom of it.'

tom of it."

Bird said she did not know details about evidence that came out in the preliminary hearing because none of it will be made public until the case is resolved.

"We're going to try it as a murder case, not a crime

against a homosexual," Bird said. "The issue here is that a said. The issue here is that a sailor was killed and we're try-ing to bring justice and deter-mine who is guilty and make sure the person is punished for that crime. The motive is important but it's not the key.
The key is that someone was killed and the person that killed him should be responsi-

ble.
"The issue of homosexuality is very popular right now and it's a very emotional issue, but you have to focus on the

but you have to focus on the larger issue here and that is: a sailor has been killed. And whatever the motive, we're going to pursue it," Bird said.

The petty officer who spoke with the Bay Area Reporter is now being processed out of the Navy. He said he was removed from the Belleau Wood after another of his friends, a sailor who came aboard ship at the end of 1992, was told he would be harmed if he was seen with the petty if he was seen with the petty officer. ▼

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Obituaries

Gerald Roy Leverson June 26, 1955-Jan. 30, 1993

Our dear Jerry died quietly early muary 30 of complications due to lications due to AIDS. During



is last days h was surrounded by his family and friends, who helped him pass away peacefully. Jerry was born in Whitefish,

Jerry was born in Whitefish, Montana and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University with a degree in economics. He won a law degree from Stanford University, Heat tended the Cordon Rouge Cooking School in San Rafael and, after graduating, practiced both law and catering. For many years he did pro bono legal work for members of the gay community.

community.

A big sports fan, Jerry's passion was
the San Francisco 49ers. For the past 12
years he held a season ticket, and only
when his condition weakened this November did he miss a home game. His fellow 49er faithful will always remember the elaborate meals Jerry staged, and his Joe Montana-like ability erything that was going on on

the field.

Jerry's other pleasures were cooking and traveling, and some of his fondest memories were of the trips he took with his lover, the late John Hisson. Together the two toured Australia and Europe, and camped in the California and Named desetts.

evada deserts.

A proud Uncle, Jerry adored his 12

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nieces and nephews. During his last hours, Jerry's 13-month-old nephew Nathan Gerald napped in his arms, helping Jerry to breathe easier.

helping Jerry to breathe easier. Jerry leaves his father and mother, Myron and June Leverson of Whitefish, Montana; his brothers Brian, Bruce and Michael; his sisters Diane Kuntz and Julie Shanafelt; his 12 nieces and nephews; his aunts, uncles and cousins. He also leaves his friends Beverly Unicorn, Billy, Connie, Beth, K.C., Feng and many others. We will always remember eating, laughing and sharing, and though we will miss him, we're happy Jerry is at peace and has we're happy Jerry is at peace and has been reunited with John.

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Nicholas 'Nick' Teramani May 22, 1944-Jan. 20, 1993

Just two years ago we were writing about the loss of



our middle gar brother Dick to AIDS. Now I'm AIDS. Now I'm writing about the loss of my oldest gay brother Nick to AIDS.

Nick died in

the arms of our mother, Toni; his daughter Lisa; his son Michael; his dear friend Julie;

and me, his gay brother Frank.

Nick was born in Chicago, Ill., the oldest of four children. We were raised oldest of four children. We were raised in Glenview, Ill., where he attended Loyola Academy and went on to Loyola Loyola Charley and went on to Loyola University. Nick was married to his high school sweetheart Joanne, they had two children. After 11 years of marriage Nick could not hide his gay life anymore. We all helped each other and gave each other strength. Nick and his lover Rick moved to San Francisco in the late 1970s where his two other brothers were and we all loved on Pond Street. After a few years Nick moved. brothers were and we all loved on Pond Street. After a few years Nick moved back to Chicago and got involved in many gay clubs and gay volunteer organizations. In the 1960s Nick helped many people with AIDS. Nick always kept his strong bond with friends here in San Francisco as well as in Chicago. In Chicago, Nick was involved in the leather clubs. In the late 1990s, Nick moved back to San Francisco. He work-

ed at Operation Concern, Pacific Medical Center, and Coming Home Hospice. My brother's energy in the face of his illness was amazing. He did volunteer work for Most Holy Redeemer AIDs Support Group and St. Francis Lutheran Church. Nick completed the Gay Games II 1990, he was in the bodybuilding competition. This last year Nick was hospitalized three times with PCP, pneumonis starting in March '92, then in July '92 and the last time in January '93.

To all his many friends, thank you for

time in January 93.

To all his many friends, thank you for being there Max, Sherm, Julie, Shelley, Dawn Marie, Ed, Greg, Arnold, Dr. Robert Bolan, Donald his landlord, his Wednesday Night Group, The Pacific Medical Center Staff, and so many more.

more.

Nick had three grandchildren:
Desiray, Kimberly, and Casey. They
will always know him as 'Papa' I mentioned Nick was the oldest of four, we have a loving and only sister Debbie, our baby. Nick leaves behind two nephews, Rickie and Dustin and one

nephews, Rickie and Dustin and one niece Jeniffer.

Services will be held at St. Francis Lutheran Churck, 152 Church St, 2 p.m., February 13, 1993. Then I'll take Nick back to Illinois where we will place him to rest with our father, Richard, Sr, and our brother, Richard, Ir. I lost my best friend, my best dance partner. We love you Nick. Any donations in Nick's name can go to the Coming Home Hospice, 1390 Market St., #510, SF 94102 or the St. Francis Lutheran Church AIDS Help. ▼

Paul Czeschin, R.N. Aug. 23, 1956-Jan. 24, 1993



charm and sen-sibilities always stayed with him as an undertone of his zany sense

of his zany sense of humor. Al-though Paul enjoyed a lot of time alone, he had an active social life that revolved around the gay softball and bowling leagues where he excelled. He also enjoyed reading, caring for his fishtanks, perfecting his virgin Pina Colada recipe and South of Market.

Paul, a registered nurse, worked for

and South of Market.
Paul, a registered nurse, worked for three years on the AIDS ward at San Francisco General Hospital. Quiet and reserved, he cared for his patients with professionalism and warmth. It was only after AIDS got the best of him that Paul decided to take an extended leave of absence and return to St. Louis to be with his family who cared for him until the end. He died peacefully in his sleep.

Always generous and caring with his riends, Paul will be remembered by us with love, joy and laughter. Donations in memory of Paul can be made to the 5A Patient Care Fund, San Francisco ral Hospital, 1001 Potrero Ave., SF

Christopher W. Romak January 23, 1993

Chris Romak died at home in Oakland on Jan-



ied at home ir Oakland on Jan-uary 23 surround-ed by family and friends after a long and valiant fight against AIDS.

A native of Moraga and recent resident of Oakland, Chris

Oakland, Chris was instrumental in the founding of the AIDS Project of Contra Costa in 1985, which began the community response for fighting AIDS in that county. He served APCC for seven years, as president of the board of directors for two years, and personally advanced the public policy debate on AIDS among civic leaders. Chris' eloquent voice on the Ryan White county planning councils helped assure that the concerns of people with AIDS were the first priority. Chris' professonal career was in management information systems. He was chief financial officer of Romak Iron Works in Oaklanduntil his retirement in early 1992.

ment in early 1992. In June 1992, Chris and his lifepartner of 15 years, John Bermudez, celebrated their Holy Union with family and friends, and then embarked upon a trans-continental motor journey lasting three months and

journey lasting three months and covering 10,000 miles. Chris is survived by his lifepartner, John Bermudez, his parents, Pat and Paul Romak, Jr. of Moraga; brothers and sisters-in-law Kevin and Susan, Stephen and Michelle, Michael, Jessie and Gary, and Jackie; and mother-in-law, Josie Bermudez of Paso Robles, plus a large number of devoted friends. Contributions in Chris' name may be made to the AIDS Project of Contra Costa, 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. ▼

Jay Byron Laws June 21, 1958-Nov. 9, 1992

In his last month, J.B. had to let go o



a lot — Alan Herman, his partner of eight years, had just died. He had sold everything to move back to his family in Torre Han

I.B. was fortunate to experience the J.B. was fortunate to experience the rare writers' thrill of having his work produced and published. He always knew that he wanted to write. Graduating with honor from the University of Texas in 1981 with a degree in Screenwriting, he relocated to San Francisco in 1982 to pursue a writing career. Short stories in men's publications soon followed and several one-act plays, notably The Window Shopper and Finders Keepers, were produced during the Chuck Solomon days at Theater Rhinoceros.

Shopper and Finders Keepers, were produced during the Chuck Solomon days at Theater Rhinoceros. In 1986, his full-length play, A Night for Colored Glass was produced in Los Angeles and was the Grand Prize Winner in the Actor's Alley Repertory Theater Playwriting Contest. It was the tale of an adult Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz haunted by her past and looking for a way back to the fantasyland of her childhood. With the loss of friends and his own AIDS diagnosis came the need to delve into the darker subject matter. Last year, he was able to enjoy the flurry of publicity that accompanied the promotion of his first novel Steam, an AIDS allegory. "What's more frightening than watching your best friends turn into creatures you no longer recognize," he asked, "or the idea of a seemingly invisible enemy that's striking people down and you can't get help because no one will even take you seriously? And what's more horrifying than the idea that something as wonderful as sex can be the route to your death?" One reviewer called it "an unusually imaginative, page-turning summer read." It was the winner of the "By the Bay Area First Novel Contest" sponsored by Alyson Press and was

summer read." It was the winner of the "By the Bay Area First Novel Contest" sponsored by Alyson Press and was nominated for a Lambda Award.

Perhaps J.B. was able to accept his fate and take flight with "Gravity," a short story to appear in his upcoming novel. It concerns a character whose heart is so heavy from the loss that he can no longer be weighed down. He literally takes the advice to "lighten up" and has to strap himself in to keep from bouncing off the ceiling and out the window to join a multitude of other freed spirits.

freed spirits.

Left behind from the "big barbeque" Left behind from the "big barbeque on the other side" are the angels at S.F. Suites — Isabel, Pete and Robert; computer Larry; soulmate Susan; his steadfast parents in Texas, Doug and Shirley, brothers Gary and Scott, and beloved Scottie dog, Mac. To his young nephews Brian and David, and neice Michelle he left royalties of his novel. Michelle, he left royalties of his novel The Unfinished, to be published posthumously by Alyson this spring.

Timothy Finch

Aug. 8, 1965-Jan. 17, 1993



missed and lovingly remembered by many. Fly free, Jubjub Bird! Lover your

Freddie Williams March 23, 1947-Dec. 16, 1992



after a year-long battle with AIDS, arms of his lov

arms of his loving partner, Rick,
and in the company of his exlover, Scotty and roommate Jurie.
Born in Columbus, Georgia, Freddie
grew up in Woodside Queens, NY., and
graduated from a printing arts high grew up in Woodside Queens, N.Y., and graduated from a printing arts high school in Manhattan. In his teenage years, he moved with his family to San

California's laid-back style turned California's laid-back style turned out to be a cultural shock to a native New Yorker, but in no time Freddie's affable personality and aggressive New York manner won him many new friends, and eventually, the heart of his new found lover, Alistair (Scotty). Together they traveled to Rome, Amsterdam, Munich and Scotty's native Scotland.

They settled at home in Brisbane.

They settled at home in Brisbane, Twin Peaks and the Castro District. Between jobs, Freddie became an outspoken participant in anti-Vietnam War demonstrations and acted in a local production of Boys in the Band

local production of Boys in the Band as Bernard.

In 1980 he was totally smitten by his next lover, Rick, a native Californian, beginning a long and happy relationship that lasted 124 years to his death. No one could break the magic that grew out of their love for each other. They spent many cherished moments at the bars, the opera, theater, at home at the bars, the opera, theater, at home or at travel.

or at travel.

Our departed friends unfailingly gave us intelligent conversations about history, social issues, race relations, classical music and Leontyne Price, his idol. He will also be remembered for his broad smile, cruisy charm (he loved Asians and Latinos) and his unrelenting party spirit. His loud booming laughter could be heard clear across the street from his favorite haunts like the old Balcony and Ambush, Polk Gulch, Castro Station, and the Pendulum, which he opened in 1967. He loved to dance in his own unique style, and even a good joke. His favorite: "If Pia Zadora married Ronnie Lott of the 49ers, wouldn't she be known as Pia Lott?" (He made that up)

Besides his two companions, Freddie is survived by his parents, Nathanel, Sr. and Wilhelmina in Eufala, Alabama, and his younger sibs, Nar, Jr., in Seattle Patricia in NY City. Philip, Robert, Michelle, Mia and TV, all in the Bay Area. He will also be missed by his friends at Tower Records, where he last worked.

In his honor, continue to fight Our departed friends unfailingly

Records, where he last worked.

Records, where he last worked. In his honor, continue to fight against AIDS, racism, ignorance and hypocrisy. Keep love and hope alive and speak the truth. Freddie's ashes will be scattered on his birthday in March. A small, informal memorial is planned tentatively to be held at the Pendulum. To express condolences for for more details on the memorial, call Rick at 552-5422.

Scott R. Drew 'Scooter'

June 30, 1957-Jan. 23, 1993



uary 23, 1993. Scott was blessed with love and support from his support from his family and many friends during his heroic battle

proud owner of Scooters — A Salon on California Street, which will continue

California Street, which will continue business in his memory. Born June 30, 1957, Scott is survived by his parents, Dick and Gloria Drew, his brother Steve and nephew Jason. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, February 5, 1993, at the Swedenborgian Church, 2107 Lyon Street at Washington.

Donations in Scott's name may be made to those who provided loving care and family support: Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco, 1390 market St., suite 510, 94102; or, to honor his love of the outdoors and San Francisco. Friends of Recreation and Parks, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 94117. ▼



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Scott V. ("Sky") Bamford July 10, 1951-Jan. 27, 1993

Sky left quietly last we



with the grace, courage, humor and humility that characterized his 12-year relationship with HIV and his life style.

An adopted San Francisco son, artiving in

San Francison, arriving in 1972 from San Antonio, Sky,

Antonio, Sky, and Rex, his partner for 22 years, developed an intimate relationship with his other love, the San Francisco (and every other) opera, as a standing room patron and a supernumerary for many, many years. Sky's collection of signed opera programs and posters was rivaled only by his collection of gourmet magazines and stuffed animals. An inveterate "party hound," Sky

An inveterate "party hound," Sky touched the hearts and minds of so nouched the hearts and minds of so many in our community and throughout the city, especially with his delightful troupe, "Arcaids," which delighted and educated audiences in recent years. Sky will be missed at home, on Polk Street, in the opera house, at good restaurants, on the slopes, at the river, and by the planet. Goodbye, Sky, and our love to Rex; your father, AV; and your sister Denise. It was great! Memorial contributions may be made in Sky's name to P.A.W.S., 201 Clipper, SF 94110.

Jack F. Ingram Oct. 4, 1951-Jan. 24, 1993



generosity and love of life ly. Proud of his

six years of so-briety, he bright-ened the lives of everyone around him through words and acts of kindness and an incredible

sense of humor.
Five of Jack's 15 years in San Francisco were spent working for Shanti
Project, where he attained the position
of Supervisor of the Residence Maintenance Department and greatly benefited from his contact with a varie-

ty of clients.

In May 1984, Jack and his partner
Gary Stroman began an on-and-off
relationship best described as "unique" Their years together affirm that
love is the ultimate ruling passion and
final determinant. Jack's other great
loves were his parents Omar and Betsy Ingram, his nine brothers and
sisters, and his many nephews and
nieces.

sisters, and his many nepnews and nieces.

Especially grateful for the care Jack received from Dr. Wally Drampf and the Davies Medical Center staff, Jack and Gary also appreciate the care Davies has rendered many of their friends, with whom Jack is now reunited. Gary additionally thanks Jack's friends, neighbors and coworkers for their care and concern during Jack's illness.

Jack's request that a memorial potluck be held at his home in celebration of his life will be honored on February 7, 1993, 2 p.m., at 3947 17th Street (at Hartford) in San Francisco. Further inquiries may be directed to Gary Stroman, (415) 507-7113. ▼

Radford Markam Van Ells Feb. 6, 1955-Jan. 18, 1993



after a two-vea struggle with AIDS dementia Throughout all

love him.

Mark loved so many things; morning treks to the flower mart to buy exotic "tropicals," long walks through Golden Gate Park, where he'd eye the Calla lillies and mutter "snip snip" under his breath; the warm Hawaiian ocean of the Windward side of Oahu, where his mother lived for many years; cooking "comfort foods" for special friends;

filling his home with beautiful art.

More than anything, Mark loved music — making it, listening to it, sharing it (he mixed fabulous tapes for clubs and friends). "You've got to listen to this," he's say, cranking up his megawatt system. "Isn't this great?" It sure was, honey. We'll miss you "more than tongue can tell."

was, honey. We'll miss you "more than tongue can tell."

Mark died surrounded by those who loved and cared for him — his mother, Susi; Dennis and Jack, two of the extraordinary Care Unit nurses; and his wonderful doctor, Denis Bouvier. Mark is survived by his mother, his two sisters Lexi and Debi, some very special friends, and over 2,000 record albums. A celebration in Mark's honor will be held on Monday evening, February 8 at his sister Lexi's house (337-0417). ▼

Thomas Joseph Scozzari Oct. 31, 1951-Jan. 18, 1993



will Now though, at least you are at peace.
Thom is survived by his lover of eight years, Glenn D. Shorb, his father, mother sister mother sister and brother, two

nephews and a great niece. One final thing to Thom's relatives, "Judge ye not for with what judgement you judge, you shall be judged." Thom was never an embarassment to me.

Thom passed away peacefully Mon day morning, January 18. He wen quickly without any suffering on his behalf, thanks to the I.CU. staff at

S.F.G.H.

Thom enjoyed hiking, camping, astronomy, reading, cooking for his "baby cakes," numismatics and life

Thom, you took me in to your life and made me a man. You awakened the sleeper in me and made me see the world as it really is, for this "I will always love you, Thom," — Your babycakes forever — Glenn. ▼

Rolando Eguizabal March 4, 1949-Oct. 14, 1992

Nobody was a better host at parties for which Rolan-



do was famous in his native El Salvador. Earn-

Architect at the Veteran's Home in Yountville for over nine years. His great love of opera and adventure took him to over 30 countries, most often traveling first-class on accumulated frequent flier miles. An ideal traveling companion, he spoke five languages and really knew how to enjoy his life and his friends. His philosophy was "eat dessert first" — go ahead and order the lobster, use the best glasses, bring out the oysters, pour the champagne, and turn up the music. Traveling with Rolando produced a string of golden moments around the world that could never be duplicated with anyone — an opera at the Bolshoi in Moscow, New Year's Eve at a castle in France, Evita's Casa Rosada in Buenos Aires, the lions of Delos in Greece, Corcovado in Rio. He was one of the first Americans to tour Ceausescu's palace in Bucharest, Romania 100 days after the revolution. There were cruises down the Nile and the Panama Canal, a pilgrimage to Faitma in Portugal (even though he was plagued with failing health), and especially the '92 Gala Opening Night of San Francisco Opera in a stretch limo a month before he died.
Rolando left behind friends all over the world, but the special ones in San Francisco Wo stayed by his side during the two-year nightmare of his illness are Alfredo and George, Alvaro, Mike and Jesus, David and Ken, Miram, and Gary Laws, his partner of seven years.

Miriam, and Gary Laws, nis partner or seven years.

Even though he missed the sweet victory of Clinton's election, he was able to die at home as he wanted, amazingly out of pain, still planning the next trip.

No puedo olvidarte, perlita. ▼

Adam R. Avala

Jan. 30, 1953-Jan. 24, 1993 To take so



nething from yourself, to give to another, that is humane and gentle and never takes away as much comfort as it brings again." — T. More

Some will remember Adam for his friendship. Others will remember him for his generosity. His past lovers will remember him for his kindness and concern for them and others. None will forget his smile or the way he saw I will remember him hospitality.

through problems.

I will remember him most for his hospitality, the opposite of which brought God's wrath upon Sodom and Gomorrah. Their demise had nothing to do with hedonism—it had to do with inhospitality to the Angels of God.

And Adam was an angel of God. An angel of mercy. An angel of love. But

And Adam was an angel of God. An angel of mercy. An angel of love. But no angel.

We all take different kinds of pleasure in giving. Adam's gift was always given without any expectation of return. Adam came closest to the pure gift, which is an anonymous one. Such a gift, which can never be acknowledged or returned by those it comforts, can heal our spirits when they are taken by such a loss.

To his relations, lovers and friends, his extended family offers up our appreciation for his life, our shared memories of times (Hawaiian barbecues) and the sheer joy of knowing and loving him.

Adam's gift of himself was a gift to himself, and those of us fortunate enough to have crossed his path of brotherly love and righteousness.

Too soon the still point came.

We loved him so.

James Beckom

James Beckom July 13, 1935-Oct. 27, 1992

May 4, 1931-jan. 22, 1993
Social Worker/teacher/"tough old broad" formerly of the East Bay and San Francisco; Graduate of the University of California Graduate School of Social Welfare, 1958: eight nlus



of growing up to do.

If you can imagine all of this then you can also get an idea of what my twin brother, Jim, was like as he arrived in San Francisco in 1960. Fresh out of Loyola University in Los Angeles, with his fiance, he came to settle in this beautiful place. Not unlike the city itself, he would grow in so many ways through the next 32 years. Coming to grips with his true sexual orientation, he had to make the difficult life choices of telling his fiance and family of who he really was. Of course, that was only the beginning as he started the long and event-filled process of living in a city with all the attractions and distractions one could imagine.

While his job, with the Department of

While his job, with the Department of Social Services, provided him with a secure livelihood, his personal life grew

and blossomed. He discovered the opera and until he died, in October, he had a season ticket for his beloved opera performances. (Two years ago, when the doctors told him he was near death and would never go to the opera again, he let his season ticket lapse. Upon a miraculous recovery he found himself without a season seat. His sister called the opera house and told them the situation and they, with unbelievable compassion and understanding, provided him with a new seat only a few seats from where his seat of twenty years had been. Hurray for those people at the opera company!)

There were up and down times and plenty of explorations and experiences not unlike what the city was going through. Jim learned from it all and his bright shining star personality shone through all the good and the bad. So, like the city, he was at times tarnished, but never did he lose his brilliance.

Jim loved San Francisco. He would sit for hours in Washington Square enamored with the life around him. He took countless walks through his neighborhood of North Beach and

enamored with the life around him. He took countless walks through his neighborhood of North Beach and would gladly help tourists find their way. He was proud of his adopted city. Like so many friends before him, Jim was finally overcome by the ravages of AIDS. As his earthly life was moving from him he was surrounded by family and friends and passed out of this life peacefully and without apparent pain. Jim will be remembered by us all for his generosity and caring for the plight of others and by his beautiful loving spirit.

Spirit.

Donations may be made in Jim's name to the St. Anthony Foundation, 121 Golden Gate Ave., SF 94102 or Shanti Project, 525 Howard Ave., SF 94105.

Remembrances to: Lee Beckorn, 905 Nopal St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103. ▼

Betty Ruth Toney, MSW

May 4, 1931-Jan. 22, 1993

1998; eight plus years with the San Francisco Bay Area Hearing Society; moved to National Technical Institute for the Deaf in 1972; retired 1990; fought a 20-year battle with breast cancer, mentor to many Page 1999.

Deaf in 1972; retired 1990; fought a 20-year battle with breast cancer, mentor to many Deaf/Hard of Hearing people; inspiration to all; survived by her lover/partner of 20 years, Liz O'Brien, in Rochester, N.Y.

A local celebration of Betty's life and career is being planned for February 21, 1993. Call Barbara Dinnerstein (415) 922-5191 witdo or John Darby (415) 388-1717. A scholarship fund is being established in Betty's memory for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Social Work Stdents, details at local gathering. The glow of your Social Work neon sign will remain forever bright in your students hearts, your work will be carried on. ▼

1958; eight plus

The killer this wasn't a long interest for him but it wasn't the length that mattered. It was the quality, honesty and love that made every moment worth it. ▼ Jay C. Goodman

Kenneth Karl Coss, Jr.

July 3, 1960 - Jan. 25, 1993

July 3, 1960 – Jan. 25, 1993

Ken passed away peacefully at home early Monday morning. His family, lover and friends were by his side as he gently passed into the light.

Ken was born and raised in Monroe, Michigan and loved to visit his family as often as he

visit his family as often as he could. He also fell in love with California and made many dear friends. His humor and honest caring for others will be deeply missed. Ken worked at the Midnight Sun for years and the support of all his friends there meant a lot to him.

A brunch celebration of Ken's life will be held at his home, Saturday, February 6, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 3976 19th St. (at Noe).

Ken knew this wasn't a long lifetime

Aug. 14, 1958-Dec. 12, 192



ed strength from his over nine years of sobriety and devotion to the 12-steps. He will be missed. A private memorial will be held when his ashes are spread at Seal Rock. V

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Community News

Mardi Gras Is Coming - But Where?

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco Municipal San Francisco Municipal Railway's displeasure with a planned Mardi Gras benefit for Community United Against Violence and the AIDS Health Project has snagged plans to close Castro Street between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. on Fat Tuesday, February 23.

Supervisor Roberta Acht-

a.m. on Fat luesday, February 23.

Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg had introduced a resolution approving the closure of Castro Street at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 1 but pulled the item, according to aide Joe Van Es after Muni objected

to the closure.

"Muni is objecting to the street closure at 6 p.m. during the rush hour. They are saying that because the closure occurs on a weekday they will be unable to provide enough diesel buses to replace the trolleys that will have to be re-routed," Van Es said.

Muni also objected to the \$1,900 in costs they would in-cur for the event. "So, we're having a meet-

Parking and Traffic, and the organizers. The concerns are valid and we believe that we will work it all out and Muni

will drop the objections," Van Es said. "The event happened last year and it will happen again this year." Van Es said Achtenberg is

expected to introduce the resolution at the February 11 meeting of the Board for routine approval — if Achtenberg is still in San Francisco. (See

as still in San Francisco. (See related story, page one.)
Although street closures are usually approved by an interdepartmental committee of city agencies, the board has the authority to approve such requests if applications for permits are not filed in time or are rejected.

Stress Management Study Announced

by Dennis Conkin

The Positive Education Project of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies seeks HIV-positive gay men with Tcell counts between 200-500 for a study that explores ways of managing the stress of living with HIV.

"The study explores two different approaches designed to help people manage with the stress of coping with HIV," says Dr. Margaret Chesney, principal investigator at CAPS.

Chesney, an epidemiologist, told the Bay Area Reporter that two of the most stressful periods related to HIV infection are when individuals discover they are seropositive, and when T-cells begin to decline and prophylactic treatment to stave off opportunistic infections or active medical treatment for declining health may be re-

"It's really stressful when

the T-cells begin to decline study, participants attend a and people need to have inworkshop where they receive formation about the choices the information that was the available in medical care," she

"This is a city filled with and offering many services, and it's not always easy to connect them all together. Our project is designed to help participants make those connections," Chesney said.

Participants in the Positive Education Project are ran-

Education Project are randomly assigned to one of two groups that initially meet weekly for ten weeks and then once every two months.

One group is designed to be didactic but supportive and covers various issues related to HIV — medical information and treatment options, as well as the emotional and as well as the emotional and social issues that are part of the disease.

The other group is also supportive but more oriented to teaching skills for coping

At the end of the year's

According to early re-search results, both approach-es are effective in managing the stress of coping with HIV and the information in the — and the information in the studies will help AIDS re-searchers develop and fine-tune service programs for people with HIV, Chesney

The University of California at San Francisco study is funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health, and located in downtown San Francisco. Participants receive regular lab tests as part of the study.

People who are currently involved in ongoing psy-chotherapy or injection drug users are not eligible for the

users are not study.

For more information contact Derek Aspacher, project assistant, at 597-9141. ▼

Son

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said you were going to the inauguration protest of Governor Wilson (with Queer Nation) and he said, "It will never work. The way they dress up and make fools of themselves turns people off right away." There's a part of me that agrees with that. With people like that, anyway. If you're so radically different, you do turn them off. But if you come to them with a suit and tie, they're a little more willing to listen and there's more of a bridge. Could you respond to that?

S: We want to be accepted

S: We want to be accepted on our own terms. Even in the Republican Party, in Pete Wilson's mind, people have been accepted, but only if they're wearing a suit and tie. And only if they're willing to conform. That's already there

to a certain extent. We're trying to take it a step further. I agree. I think it does turn people off. But maybe what we're trying to do is just be out there and be who we are. And maybe the more that people see us, the less of a problem they'll have with that. I guess we're desensitizing them because we're not harmful. harmful.

L: Of course, it might be interesting to do a march with everyone in suits and

with everyone in suits and ties.

S: Hmmmm. Kind of for visual effect. Maybe we can do that for the [Freedom Day] parade. No that wouldn't go over very well. But it's a good idea for a march. It has been done. I've heard of cases where people have gone in the suits and ties and when the event started they took them off. They're only clothes. And people make such a big deal out of it.

L: And again what you're saying is that you're serving

as role models, salying, "You don't have to look like any-one else or act like everyone else. You can be an individual."

HIV Watch

An Unbeliever in Church

by Michael C. Botkin

When I recently attended a When I recently attended a seminar on "alternative methods" for treating AIDS I experienced my usual cynical reaction, which I think of as the "unbeliever in church" effect. I work hard at approaching such affairs in a positive frame of mind, to set aside my natural skepticism and give the presenters a fair shot. give the presenters a fair shot But I never completely suc ceed in suspending my disbe-lief, and for me the proceed-ings are always shadowed with doubt.

Some people think that being a hard-core skeptic is fun, ing a hard-core skeptic is fun, but frankly it gets old fast. I really would enjoy fully and completely believing in something if only I could. Some have God and others have Science but all I've got is Doubt. It's been years since I've experienced the clear, bright faith of the true believer, and the scent of it in others—particularly in crowds—generally makes me nervous.

generally makes me nervous.
The speakers at this particular event actually came across better than most: their across better than most their material totaled in at about one-third good common sense, one-third innocuous medical superstition, and only one-third snake-oil hucksterism. These favorable propor-tions could reflect the overall maturation of the alternative methods underground. Or it could just be the forum's orcould just be the forum's or-ganizers putting their best foot forward, as it were; this was the first in a series of four events, and the second in line appears to be composed entirely of crackpots who at-tempt to "heal" AIDS via the power of positive thinking. The alternative methods underground had its first ma-

underground had its first ma-jor wave in the early '80s. AIDS was by this time thor-Jor wave in the early ous. AIDS was by this time thoroughly recognized but little understood, and traditional medicine had little to offer. Unfortunately, the alternative crowd had little to offer either, and much of the early movement focused on spiritual preparation for an early death. Worshiping crystals (also known as "magic rocks") and using guided imagery supposedly promoted "healing," a popular bit of jargon which ultimately appeared to mean "dying but not being angry about it." To many of us, this fell short of the goal and to us, these spiritually fortuned. and to us, these spiritually fo-cused "treatments" seemed to be only a "beautiful death"

movement.
In 1985 everything changed with the introduction

of the HIV test and AZT, the first reliable (if limited) treat-ment for AIDS. AZT may not have been the "silver bullet" to AIDS that many hoped for, but it sure did a number on the magic rocks crowd, whose recent constituency fled in droves to traditional medicine once it had anything to offer.

Commentary

The spiritual wing of the alternative methods community, although it's still around, never regained the primacy it enjoyed in those early and fairly hopeless days.

Maybe next year

The rise of ACT UP, iron-The rise of ACT UP, ironically, reflected a renewed sense of faith in traditional medicine. We would scarcely have bothered agitating for more research if we didn't think it would get us somewhere. The underlying assumption of treatment activism was that science could tivism was that science could produce answers if only it tried a little harder. This sentiment peaked in the late '80s, when such answers appeared to be just around the corner. "Maybe next year" was the to be just around the corner. "Maybe next year" was the unofficial slogan of three successive International Conferences on AIDS.

This cautious optimism be-

This cautious optimism began fading in the '90s. The first wave of HIV treatments, the nucleoside analogues, turned out to fall considerably short of even the limited goal of rendering AIDS a "chronic but manageable" disease. No significantly promising new treatments are due to come treatments are due to come out of the pipeline in anything less than a year. Correspondingly, HIVers have begun to tilt again towards "alternative methods" for lack of anything better to try out in the meantime.

At the forum I attended,

one well-respected physician offered a lengthy list of do's and don't's: mostly don't's. Don't eat chocolate or sugar or coffee or white bread or drink alcohol; don't smoke tobacco or allow it to be smoked in your presence. Al-though it mostly seemed sound general medical advice, it does smack of the implicit moralism that runs rampant in our diet-crazed society: if you eat "bad" foods you will be punished for your trans-

The second speaker expanded on the need for good nutrition in HIVers. As a lean, mean PWA about 20 percent under my "pre-morbid" weight, I could see his point. But delaying weight loss, as essential as this is if I'm not to simply fade away like an old soldier, still falls far short of treating my HIV. The third speaker had the full aura of a traveling evangelical faith-healer. Although he often fell into a riff about how his alternative methods

he often fell into a riff about how his alternative methods were scorned by mainstream medicine because they had lit-tle potential for big profits, I couldn't help but notice that he appeared to make a good full-time living off of them. He kent referring to himself He kept referring to himself as a "healed" PWA — "or nearly so" he would, sometimes, add as a half-hearted disclaimer. A strict diet regimen, countless herbs and vitaming,

countless herbs and vitamins, ozone therapy, colonic irrigation, and coffee-and-pesticide enemas would, he assured us, provide a "cure" for AIDS.

Now I can accept his premise that working to overcome HIVers' notoriously poor ability to absorb nutrition is an important step. But even in my mellowest, most even in my mellowest, most

credulous mood I can't find it in myself to believe that enemas will cure AIDS.

The fourth speaker — on exercise — looked promising but I lacked the stamina to hang around. I went off for a roast beef sandwich (on white bread, no less) and an espresso, thus violating just about every principle espoused that afternoon. I don't know how well it was absorbed, but it sure tasted good.

Asking the right questions

Asking the right questions

For all my skepticism, and despite my conviction that some of these purveyors of "alternative methods" are lit-tle more than small time hucksters (as opposed to the big time hucksters at the pharmaceutical corporations)
I still support the amorphous I still support the amorphous alternative treatments underground. Specifics aside, its general philosophy promotes self-reliance, networking, challenging traditional assumptions, and taking control of one's health, values often overlooked or actively suppressed by traditional

medicine.

Like most HIVers, I use a combination of conventional combination of conventional medical treatments, like those much-maligned and bally-hooed nucleoside analogues, and also a number of "alternative" or non-traditional approaches. While insurance rarely pays for these, they also don't cost me very much (though if you really get into this stuff you can easily end up spending hundreds of dollars a month on them.)

One friend of mine eschews all treatments, traditional or otherwise, and seems fine: there are no copayments for expensive phar-

seems fine: there are no copayments for expensive pharmaceuticals, no cash payouts for non-approved underground herbs, no dietary limitations and no nasty side-effects. Few HIVers are quite that doubtful about all of the available treatment options.

But I'm always aware that nobody, neither "traditional" nor 'alternative' practitioners, has "the answer." Much of the time, I suspect, they're not even asking the right questions.



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Peptide

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FDA approval is recruiting those last nine volunteers.

"There's so much data that the [peripheral neuropathy] trial will work — I can't imagine it won't work," said Pert.

Pert hopes that the testing,
FDA approval manufacture.

FDA approval, manufacturing, and distribution will be completed quickly enough for Peptide T to be available as early as September, but she believes December is a more likely time-frame. Eligible volunteers receive

free Peptide T during the three months of the study. They also continue receiving free Peptide T until the FDA makes a drug approval deci-

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recruitment, and pedophilia.

The video does not address the military issue, and is solely designed to promote fear and hatred. General Carl Munday, commander of the Marine Corps, has reportedly provided copies for all the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Chiefs of Staff.

Meanwhile, the press has reported that both Congressional and Pentagon phone lines have been swamped with calls on the military discrimination issue, most of them homophobic. Please make sure they're hearing voices opposed to bigotry. You may reach, or obtain contact information for, your representative by calling the House Switchboard at 202

your representative by calling the House Switchboard at 202-224-3121; for the Senate, call 202-225-3121. You may reach the Pentagon at 703-697-5737. President Clinton's recent moves to end the military ban have, for the first time in his-tory, kept a lesbian/gay civil rights issue on the front pages tory, kept a lesbian/gay civil rights issue on the front pages and in the evening newscasts for weeks. In many cases the news media have failed the issue badly, casting the debate as one over the rights of soldiers whose "moral values" (i.e., bigotry) must be honored, not over the outrageous and discriminatory, treatment of discriminatory treatment of lesbian and gay service people.
Supporters of discrimina-

tion repeatedly make absurd and even self-contradictory arguments (acknowledging the tal they get positive responses. thousands of great lesbian and U.S. News & World Report, a gay soldiers, but insisting that conservative magazine that homosexuality is incompatible usually limits its civil rights with service, or claiming the coverage to the racist/homomilitary doesn't have enough phobic ranting of columnist control over its forces to keep John I.

military doesn't have enough control over its forces to keep them from attacking each other) without challenge.

We must increase our dialogue with the media on this high-risibility issue. Call editors who turn this into a debate over the rights of heterosexuals to hate their comrades, or reporters who fail to challenge. or reporters who fail to chal-lenge the homophobia of military spokespeople. Addresses and phone numbers for net-work programs can be ob-tained by calling their local affiliates; newspapers and mag-azines publish contact information in each edition. If you have videotapes or copies of defamatory or unbalanced reporting, notify GLAAD.

Missouri Censorship

that "no public school district their limits. But the Army is shall publish, disseminate or not a democracy." use any material that depicts or advocates homosexuality," Zuckerman, U.S. News & and that "no administrator, World Report, 2400 N. Street, teacher, or any other employ. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

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vertising Age contained a fea-ture section on the lesbian/gay market. In ten pages of articles (and ads) Ad Age profiled ma-jor lesbian/gay publications, at-tempts to profile the lesbian/ gay market, and the increasing number of mainstream adver-tisers subsidizing lesbian/gay publications. Separate articles discussed the lesbian ad market, the controversy over lesbian/gay statistics, and the gay/lesbian travel business.

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The Crying Game

The Crying Game, a film written and directed by Neil written and directed by Neil Jordan, has become a runaway hit and has gained a lot of publicity for its unpredictable plot. The film is also notable for being inclusive. There seems to be a general ban on discussing the plot of this film, but if you see it you are en. but if you see it you are en-couraged to send your com-ments to Neil Jordan, clo ICM-Duncan Heath, Oxford House, 76 Oxford Street, London W1R 1RB, England.

U.S. News & World Report

Whenever traditionally homophobic media outlets show signs of improvement, it is vi-John Leo, printed a February 1 article on discrimination in the military that was more bal-

the military that was more bal-anced than most.

Especially impressive was the inclusion of a story point-ing out the parallels between this debate and the one over the integration of African Americans in the military.

"Then, as now, the military justified a discriminatory pol-icy on the grounds of morale justified a discriminatory policy on the grounds of morale and discipline; then, as now, it bridled at being asked to solve the problems of American society at large," wrote reporter Stephen Budiansky. The piece recounted the work the armed forces did to keep from confront regions excluding and and missouri Censorship

A bill now before the Miss democracy, it is said, no one souri Senate, SB 139, states can order people to change that "no public school district their minds. But the Army is

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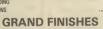
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PEOPLE AND PERSONALS

Frameline Goes to the Movies

by Paul Bollwinkel

he story of Frame-line, the non-profit producer of the San Francisco Internation-al Lesbian and Gay Film Fes-tival, would make a great movie.

movie.
Time: The late '70s in San
Francisco. A small group of
young Super 8 filmmakers,
surviving on welfare, hold a
one-night-only free screening
of their films. They plaster
the city with posters. Hundreds of people jam into a
gay community center. It's
cramped and uncomfortable
and splices keep breaking.

and splices keep breaking, but the crowd loves it and begs for more.
Cut to 1980. By now the personnel has changed and short films are shown at the Royle to turneyary business. short films are shown at the Roxie to turnaway business. Our hero, a young film student from San Francisco State has joined the group. He has an idea that the "gay film festival," as it has come to be known, should include features and use the 1,500-seat Castro theatre.

Later in the 1980s. Opening night galas. Celebrities.

Later in the 1980s, Opening night galas. Celebrities. Local politicians clamor for the right to address the audience at the packed Castro Theatre. A horrible disease rocks the city and takes its toll on the filmmaking community. A near riot breaks out as lesbians shake up the male dominated testival. The group handles out starting a

male dominated festival. The group branches out, starting a successful film and video distribution program, reaching small communities and colleges across the nation.

As the '90s begin there are fights with evil government villains. In the summer of 1991, just weeks before the coup, Frameline produces a film festival in the Soviet Union.

Epilogue: By the turn of the century every city in the



Making history and changing lives — the staff of Frameline (clockwise from upper left); Jenni Olson, Mark Finch, Desi del Valle, Nancy Fishman, and Corey Tong. (Photo: Rick Gerharter) A 30-minute

Japanese-Canadian lesbian shook up the festival and created fundamental changes at Frameline.

world — except Colorado Springs — has its own gay film festival. Minds are open. Bigots have changed. The

U.N. calls for an end to homophobia. Homophobia ends.
Okay, okay. It's only a possible outcome. But if last year's festival (and recent national events) are any indication, Frameline's influence will only grow. Not only did festival attendance nearly double between 1991 and 1992, but the distribution program has skyrocketed, actram has skyrocketed, actram has skyrocketed. gram has skyrocketed, accounting for 50 percent of Frameline's annual budget of more than \$250,000.

Changes

In December, Frameline's six paid staff members along with interns and volunteers moved from their crowded offices on Dolores Street to a more workable suite of offices on Ninth Street — in the same building that houses the Film Arts Foundation, the National Asian American Telecommunications Associa-tion (NAATA), and Cine Ac-

Michael Lumpkin, the per-son most responsible for the festival's success, has left to coproduce the film version of The Celluloid Closet. He's been replaced by Mark Finch, from London's gay film festi-val and the British Film Instival and the British Film Insti-tute, as festival director Jenni Olson, from the Minneapolis gay film festival, co-director for lesbian pro-gramming. On top of all those changes, Tom DiMaria, a crack fundraiser and crack fundraiser and spokesperson recently re-signed as Frameline's Execu-tive Director, leaving an open-ing that will need to be filled soon, since planning for the

93 festival is going ahead full

It's an exciting, transformative time for Frameline — a good time to look back before moving ahead.

A frame line is the line between frames on a strip of film — a fairly obscure technical reference. It's been a point of controversy at board meetings where some members would like a more gay-identified name. But over the years, "Frameline" has become synonymous with gay film exhibition and there are no plans to change it.

Beginnings

Filmmaker Marc Huestis, whose Sex Is will receive it's world premiere at the Berlin Film Festival in February, was one of the original Super 8 filmmakers. He remembers a time when there was no name at all.

"I was among a group of people who wanted to show their films. We needed a venue and ended up turning people away. It was thrilling. People knew it wasn't Holly-wood and they were seeing images on the screen that re-lated to their lives. Harvey Milk was there. He thought our no-smoking policy was fascist," Huestis says with a laugh. "The event was a good way for people who were be-ginning to have an inkling of a gay consciousness to pursue their vision."

their vision."
Two years later the festival was run by a group called "Persistence of Vision." They added 16mm films and videos and continued the festival at the Roxie, the Lumiere, and the San Francisco Art Institute. Michael Lumpkin, reponding than annuemement. sponding to an announcement in the B.A.R., joined the organization, by then called Frameline, in time to help organize the fourth festival, a two-day showcase, of largely

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PBS Outs J. Edgar Hoover

Dueen of the FBI

by Jim Coughenour

ometimes we have to be ashamed for our people. Next Tuesday (February 9) at 10 p.m., PBS' Frontline will air The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover, effectively outing the evil arch-queer who for almost 50 years controlled the FBI. Through his "secret files" on American's most prominent citizens, Hoover manipulated the politicians and presidents who allegedly controlled him. According to ometimes we have to

homosexuality exposed him to blackmail from the Amerito Diackmail from the American Mafia (whose existence Hoover long denied), critically compromising the government's war on organized crime. The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover is a damning (and occasionally hilarious) indictment.

In the recently published J. Edgar Hoover: The Man and His Secrets, Curt Gentry refers to Hoover's homosexuality as a rumor which wouldn't disappear. It first



J. Edgar Hoover: pistol-packing transvestite

surfaced, according to Gentry, in a 1933 profile in Collier's, which described Hoover's apwhich described Hoover's appearance in oblique but unmistakable terms: 'Hed resses fastidiously, with Eleanor blue as the favored color for the matched shades of tie, handkerchief and socks. He is short, fat, businesslike, and walks with a mincing step." Gentry also quotes an FBI transcript of a conversation among Mafiosi, in which Hoover is referred to as "a Hoover is referred to as fairy."

Boys in the Band

The Frontline documentary es much further by establishing Hoover's homosex-ual relationship with Clyde Tolson, Hoover's senior aide at the FBI, and Hoover's link with organized crime. Accord-(Continued on page 30)









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The Annals of Queerdom

by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

Product revived the Miss Uranus pageant last weekend, and it was a doozy. The official winner was Cliff Hengst, but the unofficial winner, as declared by the judges, was a boy named Mark who jumped onstage during the first number by Patsy Cline. After standing around for a while, furiously grinding his jaw in the spotlight, Mark introduced himself to judge Lewis Walden by coming up behind him and putting his hand down the front of Lewis' pants. Mark was soon splayed out across the laps of all three judges, who quickly became far too busy with him to pay any attention to the contestants. We won't say which judge was French-kissing Mark, which judge was getting a hand job from Mark, and which judge gave Mark a blow job, but photos were taken at revealing angles; look for them at local cafes. Miss Uranus may be the only pageant where rape by the judges is not forbidden, it's mandatory. Celebutantes of varying magnitudes must have been startled to find out they weren't on the list — we were told the door had accidentally been given last week's list. Not the kind of faux pas you want to commit on the night you're running one of the year's biggest, most notorious events.

Cyclops was blown out of the water Saturday night by the Miss Uranus bash. But right here in River City, we still have David Dean, who runs Sound Factory on Friday night in the same space where Cyclops happens on Saturday. Dean not only maintains the Sound Factory account at BofA, but he's been paying gay performers with bad checks. One group who performed for Sound Factory's opening night was passed from employee to employee before finally getting paid—three weeks after their gig—with a rubber check. Last week (Monday) there was less than \$8.50 in the David Dean/Sound Factory account (no. 12097-10245), which means this can't be the only rubber check floating around town. Dean finally made good on the bounced payment, and Gus Bean of Cyclops is quick to disavow any financial connection between his operation and Sound Factory.

Broken record at Centers for Disease Control. Spy reveals a few facts about "alarming statistics." In October 1985 the New York Times reported "an estimated one million people in the United States are infected" with HIV. This number then appeared unchanged in various publications over the years, including the Times, which in June 1992 was still saying "the CDC estimates one million Americans are infected." Former Secretary of HHS Louis Sullivan used the nice round number in 1989 — four years ago. Spy called the CDC; they also gave the one million figure. Somebody needs to learn how to count — fast.

It's tablorama! The Enquirer saw deaf actress Marlee Matlin raise eyebrows "at the trendy lesbian club Girl Bar in Long Beach



Johnny Depp — a regal future in cross-dressing?

when she was spotted openly holding hands and trading soulful kisses with a gorgeous femme pal. Those who know Marlee say she's definitely NOT gay and was just helping the gal celebrate her birthday. Party hearty, girls." This item also appeared in the Globe, which, of course, guarantees its veracity.

The Star "thought Edward Scissorhands and John Waters' Cry Baby were unusual film choices for ultra-handsome Johnny Depp but he's really topped himself now. He'll soon play transvestite movie-maker Ed Wood Jr., who made the 1950s low-budget cult classic Glen or Glenda? about a transvestite who falls in love with an angora sweater." Ah the '50s, when life was innocent and we loved our sweaters 'til death did us part.

And to make it a tabloid Triple Crown, the Globe reveals that "outraged Judy Nelson discovered that Martina Navratilova was cheating on her when they traveled to Chicago for a tournament. So while the star was on the court, her lover Judy] scrawled a note that said 'I am here. You can fax me. No one will see it. Signed, M.' and sent it to her risular, Judy received a quick response — a torrid love letter faxed to Martina by the other woman." The Globe sets Judy's palimony settlement at \$1 million.



Bruce Willis — acting up or acting out?

People have been saying for years that the ACT UP look is "totally out," but now it's official: the Globe puts the last nail in the coffin with a picture of Bruce Willis

sporting a goatee with hankie head. Very bright Republican toady Willis has the hankie on backwards, making him look less like an ACT UP type about to throw a bomb, and more like Hattie McDaniel thanking Capn' Butler for that red petticoat. P.S. The hankie is orange, and you know what that means.



Empress Madame?

For those of you who care — both of you — Madame is running as a write-in candidate in San Francisco's Imperial Race for Empress '93.

Madame (now the property of Mark Peters) writes us to complain about being denied formal recognition as an "official" candidate. "Puppets are people, too. I feel this Imperial bullshit has gotten far too serious for what little they actually do for our 'entire' community." Peters (who paid \$10,000 to the estate of Wayland Flowers for Madame) is now dragging the old bird's name through the Imperial gutter while Flowers, no doubt, spins in his grave. Tempus fugit, as they say, but sometimes not fugit enough for us.

In closing, we wax Caenishly to offer our personal thanks for Superbowl Sunday. On this one afternoon each year, all the yahoos in the Bay Area belly-up to the boob tube, at home and in "sports" bars, leaving the streets of our serenely beautiful mecca filled with peaceful souls pursuing tranquil pastimes. Many thanks to the NFL, and God bless you, one and all.

Community

Scenes From the Mall

by Alan Frutkin

is not until you leave San Francisco that you realize how fortunate and spoiled we are to and spoiled we are to live in such a progressive city as this. I was in Washington, D.C., for the inauguration, and though it was thrilling to witness the demise of the Reagan-Bush era, I left our nation's capital with the belief that the spirit of McCarthyism is alive and well.

Within the patchwork of gay communities strewn across this country, gay Wash-

gay communities strewn across this country, gay Washington holds the unique position of serving a dual purpose. The struggle for civil rights there is waged on both a local and national level. High-powered, influential DC. gays and lesbians work Washington's bargaining rooms, lobbying to increase funds for AIDS research, establishing our strength as a national voting bloc, and fi-nancially supporting politi-cians who embrace issues of vital concern to us.

However, among the rank and file gays and lesbians in Washington, those who work in the military and civil service, there are many who remain in the closet. Of course, between these time extremes between these two extremes, there is a strong, visible, openly gay community, which is centered at Dupont Circle.

Moving Event

Moving Event

There is also a visible core of grass-roots activists. I attended the candlelight vigil for slain Naval Petty Officer Allen Schindler, which had been organized by Queer Nation. It was a small gathering, perhaps 75 people at most, comprised of civilians, military personnel, members of Queer Nation, and the Pink Panthers, a Guardian Angeltype gay vigilante group, organized to protect gays and lesbians from queer bashing.

After the speakers finished, the demonstrators formed a large circle, candles

ished, the demonstrators formed a large circle, candles in hand, and recited a number of familiar gay slogans, such as, "We're here, we're queer, and we remember Allen Schindler." It was actually a moving event. After witnessing the violence in San Francisco that followed Gov. Pete Wilson's rejection of AB 101, a peaceful response to homophobia



The Gay Visibility Contingent in the Inaugural Parade, January 20, 1993 (Photo: Alan Further)

in a town as inherently political as Washington, Fund, a national fundraising Fund, a national fundraising group for openly gay and lesbian political candidates, sponsored a reception for Clinton campaign adviser David Mixner. Mixner, an openly gay, and highly influential political organizer, is a longtime friend of the Clintons. Throughout the campaign, Mixner sought to deepen the president's commitment to issues important to lesbian and gay voters.

Oddly enough, however, so many gays
and lesbians
still refuse to
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about who

Oddly enough, however, the highlight of this event was when Sen. Edward Kennedy vowed to lead the fight in Congress for national legislation banning discrimi-nation against lesbians and gays. Such strong support from Washington's straight politicians elicits an emotional politicians elicits an emotional response there, and accordingly, the crowd went wild. Whereas gay and lesbian San Franciscans take for granted the support we receive from the straight community, in Washington, they are still grateful for it because it's so rare.

The next night, at the Gay and Lesbian Inaugural Celebration, comic Kate Clinton emceed the evening's festivities. She told some great jokes, but then turned serious

ties. She told some great jokes, but then turned serious and urged the attending audience to come out.

It's ironic that in a town as inherently political as Washington, so many gays and lesbians still refuse to be political about who they are. Nevertheless, the most thrilling moment that night was when Melissa Etheridge, the singer/songwriter (who has been on the "Definite Maybe" list for years), officially came out to the crowd by saying, "I am proud to have been a lesbian all my life."

With the passage of Colorado's Amendment 2 and with other states gearing up for their own anti-gay battles, it is difficult to determine the impact that President Clinton's support of gays and leshings will have on the entire.

ton's support of gays and les-bians will have on the entire bians will have on the entire nation. I am uncertain what will happen if Congress re-jects the president's proposed reversal of the military ban. Will closeted gays and les-bians who are already in the will they revolt? Will they leave the military en masse?

However, if the president succeeds in reversing the ban

succeeds in reversing the ban and if he continues to appoint openly gay politicians to his administration, such as Roberta Achtenberg, I hope the most tangible results of such progress will first be seen in Washington. With an administration that responds to our community and re-

quests our participation in the political process, the need for gay and lesbian Washingtonians to remain in the closet will begin to diminish. On the other hand, if people are still afraid of jeopardizing their careers, why will they come out now, if in four years, the whole town could swing back to the right? \bigvee

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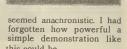
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simple demonstration like this could be.
That same night, I had drinks with several gay men, who were all originally from the South. Some of them now resided in Washington; the others regularly traveled back and forth. They all were familiar with San Francisco, and I asked them what they thought the differences were between San Francisco and thought the differences were between San Francisco and Washington. They said that Washington's gay community was more mainstream in its tastes, dress, and values. But they also said that people's careers in Washington were in jeopardy. They said that people can't come out because they could lose their jobs.

Gay people who move to San Francisco, move here essentially to come out, to live

sentially to come out, to live their lives as openly gay and lesbian people. But these men said gay people who move to Washington, move there for other reasons, be it power or ambition, financial gain or in-fluence. And, they added, if that means subsuming their gay selves, obviously some people are willing to do that.

Reception Highlight

The following night, The y and Lesbian Victory



Protesting the murder of Allen Schindler at the Washington, D.C. Candlelight Vigil, January 18, 1993 (Photo: Alan Frutkin)



Navigating Troubled Waters

by Chad Jones

or all its intensity, its power, and even its manipulation, Joseph Pintauro's Raft of the Medusa, currently at the Actors Theatre of San Francisco, may well go down in history as the A Chorus Line of AIDS plays

AIDS plays.
Written in 1991 and updated by Pintauro for its San
Francisco debut, Raft is like
the famous Broadway musical in that it allows a mainstream audience to peek into a closed-off, mysterious world. But instead of hoofers with heartbreaking histories, you get people with AIDS and their struggle to come to their struggle to come to terms with life, death, and

disease.

Rather than baring their souls in the hope of landing a plum role in a hot show, Raft's characters are members of a PWA support group. Each one in turn shares his or her own raging hostility, overpowering fear, crippling weakness, or grace-saving humor. And like A Chorus Line, Raft is powerful. engaging. mor. And like A Chorus Line, Raft is powerful, engaging, and ultimately more than the sum of its parts. Pintauro guides us into laughter, guides us into tears, and relies too heavily on cliched characterizations, but in the end, we're swept up in the waves of emotion and tossed about on a Raft we can neither securely grab hold nor willingly let go of. While the core meaning of the play remains elusive, the pure emotion allows us to suspend judgment and Pintauro to pull the dramatic strings and push our buttons.

With their study, professional push our buttons.

With their sturdy, professional production and the playwright's broadly painted and too familiar characters, the Actors Theatre has creat-ed an AIDS play that is at

The success of this production lies in its ability to ease its audience into guidance

once likable and wrenching. The large cast of 14 is competent, with several standout performances, and directors F. Allen Sawyer and Chris Phillips (who was filling in for a sick actor on opening night) have managed to give the play a focused intensity and lend a melodic cadence to the often cacophonous prothe often cacophonous pro-ceedings. There's emotion to spare in the fast-paced hour-and-a-half production, which left most of the opening night audience sniffling and dab-bing their eyes with tissues.

Sacrificing Character

The fact that this produc-The fact that this produc-tion produces such strong emotions is testament more to the performers and their directors than it is to the play itself. Pintauro's work is a bit too contrived and predictable. His goal is to expose his mainstream audience to the wide range of AIDS sufferers. wide range of AIDS sufferers. It's an important mission to be sure, but to accomplish such a large educational task, the drama has to sacrifice something.

Instead of full characters, what we get are representations. You've got your condescendingly clinical group leader; your straight woman infected by a straight man; your teen-age girl infected by her IV drug-using boyfriend; your basic bisexual male; your bisexual IV drug user; your standard issue queen; your straight young Latino who was gang raped in prison; your straight, Buddhist/Jew male infected by a female prostitute; your mute homeless stitute; your mute homeless woman with a nasty needle habit; your noble ghost; and, for added spice, your newly arrived, closeted gay rock

With all the representatives present, you also have your potpourri of issues to address: homophobia, gay male misogyny, euthanasia, fear of intimacy, denial of all kinds. They're all there. It's a standard setup, and you can feel Pintauro guiding

you can feel Pintauro guiding
you to the big emotional moments. The success of this
production lies in its ability to
ease its audience into guidance. The acceptance creates
a tolerance for the banal dramatics — like the continuing
dialogue between an unforgiving man and his lover's sa Andrianzen navigates troubled waters, assisted by the

Raft of the Medusa cast

ghost — and lets you feel the arresting power of the real and frightening moments.

With its weighty subject matter, Raft could be bogged down in tears and depression. While those elements are cer-tainly present, there are love-ly, almost lyrical, moments involving humor and music as well. At one point, the group members begin singing, get carried away, and form a makeshift chorus line. The buoyant mood is fleeting, but the energy and the cohesive-ness of the group and the im-pact of their shared fates respact of their shared lates resonate. It is during these transporting moments that Raft of the Medusa fulfills its potential and becomes more than one singular sensation.

Raft of the Medusa Actors Theatre of San Francisco; through March 7 296-9179



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Marcovicci in Santa Rosa

ndrea Marcovicci headlines a special Santa Rosa Symphony Pops Concert on February 13 to benefit the food bank of Food for Thought and the Symphony. Food for Thought is the Sonoma County AIDS Food Program, which provides food for people with AIDS or ARC.

Marcovicci, a frequent cabaret performer at New York's Algonquin Hotel and a variety of San Francisco venues, is making her first appearance in Sonoma County for this benefit. It will also be her first performance as a married woman; Marcovicci married actor Daniel Reichert on February 1 at the St. Reg-is in New York. The newly-weds are currently on their honeymoon.

Tickets for the 8 p.r. concert range from \$10 to \$125, the latter including a post concert champagne and dessert reception with Marcovicci. For information and reservations, call (707) 54-music.



Joseph Chaikin at A.C.T. and Magic

Return of a Legend

by Noreen C. Barnes

egendary gay theatre director and teacher Joseph Chaikin has re-turned to San Francisco, where he just finished teaching a workshop at the American Conservatory Theatre and is currently directing a double bill of one-acts, Ten-nessee Williams' Talk to Me Like the Rain and Edward

Like the Rain and Edward Albee's Counting the Ways, at the Magic Theatre.
Chaikin is best-known as the director of the Open Theatre in the '60s and '70s, and as one of the pioneers of experimental theatre. He is the author of The Presence of the Actor and has been Sam Shepard's collaborator on a number of projects (the letters of Shepard and Chaikin were published several years ago). Most recently, he was Bill Irwin's director in Samuel Beckett's Texts For Nothing at the Joseph Papp Public Theatre.

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Since a stroke after openheart surgery in 1984 caused additional damage to the left hemisphere of Chaikin's brain, he has had aphasia (from the Greek, it means "without a language"). Through speech and physical therapy, he has regained some of his speech and the use of his right side.

Dispelling the Myths

Many people with aphasia, Many people with aphasia, because of their difficulty with both speaking and absorbing language, are often assumed by others to be mentally handicapped, foreign, or under the influence of drugs. Chaikin himself has occasionally gone along with the misperception of him as Polish or Russian. Several years ago, he created a theatre piece with playwright Susan Yankowitz and A.C.T. actors about the condition, to dispel the myths about those whose ability to process language has been disrupted by stroke or other head trauma.

A love of both humor and music still fills Chaikin's work, and the disability has not slowed down this delightful, elflike man with brilliant blue eyes in his busy international schedule of directing, teaching workshops, and receiving numerous awards.

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Although the aphasia renders Chaikin quite literally a man of few words, his economy of language is richer, more full of poetry than many more loquacious speakers.



Director Joe Chaikin

ders Chaikin - formerly effusive, yet now even more charismatic — quite literally a man of few words, his economan of few words, his economy of language is richer, more full of poetry than many more loquacious speakers. His language, now a necessary shorthand with pronouns and prepositions occasionally switched, is more incisive, as was evident in a recent two-week workshop at A.C.T., where acting students had the opportunity to show their skills in Shakespeare and Greek tragedy to Chaikin. and G Chaikin.

Helpful Suggestions

"Greeks not casual" was his sole remark to a young actor sauntering around the stage, attempting to be a classical king. "Shakespeare is active" repaired the deadly de-

tive" repaired the deadly de-livery of another young man sitting in a chair, and simply the word "colors" suggested that an actor give her speech more vocal variation.

Once Chaikin suddenly stopped a student who, with hands on hips, had barely be-gun his speech as Hamlet. Chaikin stood beside the ac-tor, imitating his pose, and in a macho voice, chided, tor, initiating his pose, and in a macho voice, chided, "Coach—football." In another instance, an actor who seemed to be too self-absorbed and taking too much time with thoughts not shared with the audience was inter-

imagnative interpretation of characters, calling one young actor's performance "electric," another's intuitive, and re-sponding favorably to young women attempting Hamlet's soliloquies. His presence gen-uinely seemed to inspire them in return, as they of-

time with thoughts not shared with the audience was interrupted by Chaikin calling out, "Indulgent — me me me — Actor's Studio!"

Chaikin provided a few basic rules that young actors often lose sight of and was quick with praise for their imaginative interpretation of characters, calling one young

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fered to try monologues that were not even fully prepared. At the Magic, Chaikin is working with seasoned performers Wendy Vanden Heuvel and Robert Ernst. The Williams and Albee plays are like two parts of an interlocking puzzle — spare works about both the dark and lighter sides of romantic relationships. The pieces are simple, straightforward stories of lovers who connected in the past but now talk past each other, with very different results.

Editor's Note: Talk to Me Like the Rain and Counting the Ways are playing at the Magic Theatre at Fort Mason, Building D, through Febru-ary 14. Call (415) 441-8822 for receivations and/or more inreservations and/or more information. Tickets are \$8.







It's a Bird, It's a ...

Darren Westlund's Danen Deconstructs San Francisco is one of a collection of hand-colored photographs now on display at Swanson Fine Arts, 3440 Larkin Street. Westlund's large format photographs are constructed from as many as 20 separate negatives. For more information call 885-6126.









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Paris Poirier's 'Last Callat Maud's'

Nirvana Revisited

by Deborah Peifer

suspect that, after the coming out story, one of the most common tales in our lives, especially for those of us of a certain age, is the first-time-I-went-toalesbian-bar story. I remember walking into Petunias, in Chicago, escorted by a dear friend, convinced that I had found Nirvana — so many dykes. In Last Call at Maud's, dykes. In Last Call at Maud's, Paris Poirier uses the life and death of a lesbian bar to remind us of the resilience of our history and the strength of our community. Maud's is a film that sets for itself an ambitious goal, and, mirabile visu, reaches its objective.

Maud's (also known as The Study) opened in the pre-

Study) opened in the pre-Stonewall dark ages of 1966, when "if it feels good, do it" did not include women touch-ing women or men feeling ing women or men feeling men. Same sex couples on the dance floor risked arrest (for disorderly conduct or public indecency) and public humiliation. A bar that allowed this "disorderly conduct" could lose its liquor license, at the very least. Harassment, police raids, and the threat of exposure were constant, but the real need for community, for the living proof that any one of us was not the only one of us, kept women coming back to Maud's for 25 years.

The film uses interviews, home movies, and still photographs to re-create the history, and more importantly,

the atmosphere, of the bars, from the outlaw days of the '50s, with the rigid butch-femme milieu, through the beginnings of rebellion in the '60s, the glory days of the '70s (and the "androgynous imperand the altiogynous imper-ative'), and the plague years. Throughout the film, Maud's and its owner, Rikki Streich-er, provide the continuity, the home base, if you will, the bench mark against which to measure the sea changes going on in the film.

Lesbian Luminaries

Poirier interviewed a num-Poirier interviewed a number of local lesbian luminaries (and Maud-ophiles), and their stories delight and entertain, even as they capture a significant element of our history. Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon tell of the early days of The Daughters of Bilitis and of Daughters of Bilitis and of the terrifying secrecy of those times. When speaking to friends on the phone, they would suggest "going to the library" — code language for the bar. Of course, it was always possible to locate lesbians by asking where the women played softball.

JoAnn Loulan, Sally Gearhart, and Judy Grahn are only a few of the women who came to Maud's to find their lesbian selves, and their stories are infuriating (when they talk about raids and hiding) and very funny (the tales of cruising have a certain timeless quality). loAnn Loulan.



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Because women in California were not legally allowed to tend bar until 1972 (the state assumed that any woman who wanted to be a bartender must be a prostitute who wanted only to slip Mickeys to unsuspecting men

Making WAVES, and WACs, too Angeles women's bar circa 1942 at "Jane Jones." a Los

 and you thought things hadn't improved at all), the film includes an interview with Bobby Pace, a male bar-tender from that enlightened early period.

The sadness at Maud's closing (the result of AIDS, changing attitudes toward drinking, and the generally low disposable income among lesbians) is tempered by the glory of the remembrance. Without serious effort, and plain hard work, our stories plain hard work, our stories disappear from history. With-out a past upon which to build, each generation must begin from nothing, rootless,

drifting. This extraordinary documentary contains the stuff of history and of legend. We cannot have enough of ei-

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Hoover

ing to Frontline, the Mafia possessed incriminating photographs of Hoover having oral sex with Tolson which it used to obtain Hoover's tection. In return the Mafia protected Hoover's dirty se-crets and indulged his obses-

crets and indulged his obsession with racetrack betting, among other favors.

In one of the juicier segments, Louisa Stuart, a fashion model from the '30s, recalls a New Year's Eve celebration with Hoover and Tolson. After she noticed the two men holding hands while she and her date rode with them in an FBI limousine en route to the Cotton Club, her boyfriend explained, "It's common knowledge that they're queer, that they're fairies, but we don't talk about it."

Even better is the recollection of Susan Rosenstiel, a former wife of one of Hoover's bookies, who recalls the evening Roy Cohn, the roover's bookles, who recalls the evening Roy Cohn, the notorious assistant counsel to Sen. Joseph McCarthy, invited her to a party at the Plaza Hotel, where Cohn promised there would be "a great surprise for you." For once Cohn wasn't exaggerating. In a private suite at the hotel, Cohn introduced her to "Mary." But, as Rosenstiel recalls her surprise, "Mary " looked just like J. Edgar Hoovert "He was very solid-looking and he had a little growth and he was dressed in a black chiffon dress, very short with ruffles and black lace stockings and high-heeled shoes and a black curly wig and black false eyelashes."

At this point the journalist interviewing Rosenstiel cannot contain himself. "Now wait a minute. You're saying it looked like J. Edgar

Hoover."
"It was clearly to me J. Edgar Hoover," Rosenstiel

replies.
"Do you have any doubt at all about that?"

"Absolutely none."

To which the narrator solemnly remarks: "Hoover had allowed himself to be dangerously compromised" for his taste in drag, if nothing else.

What Mafia?

More alarming is the evidence that Hoover deliberately suppressed any investigation of the Mob's activities in the United States. Hoover repeatedly testified to Congress that there was no evidence that the syndicate existed, and declared the "non-exis-tent" Mafia off-limits to his

tent" Matia off-limits to his agents.

Despite mounting evidence that the Mafia did indeed exist, Hoover was able to subvert all attempts to prosecute its activities throughout the '40s and '50s. Only when the 40s and 50s. Only when the Kennedy administration came into power in the early '60s was Hoover's arrangement seriously jeopardized, particularly by the new attorney general, Robert Kennedy. President Kennedy's assassination put an end to that problem. Hoover celebrated by going

to the races.

J. Edgar Hoover died in J. Edgar Hoover died in May 1972 and was buried with honors. What is interesting in retrospect is that this monstrous bureaucrat — who provided JFK with evidence that his girlfriend was a Mafia whore; who sent Coretta King a tape recording of her husband's infidelities and a letter suggesting King kill himself; and who spread stories of Eleanor Roosevelt's black and female consorts — will be probably be most remembered and reviled for a single, unsavory fact: he was a fag.

Thus the closet rewards its own.





Doctor-patient duet in The Enchantment

Psycho-san

by Deborah Peifer

redatory lesbian psycho killer. What will they think of next? Maybe, predatory lesbian psycho wounder. Or even better, Asian-Pacific predatory lesbian psycho wounder and Asian-Pacific predatory lesbian psycho killer.

The Enchantment is perfectly the product of the product of

The Enchantment is part of the Nippon Film Now series of new Japanese cinema, but it looks frighteningly old to me. Doctor Sotomura is a psychiatrist completely lack-

Nagasaki manages few psychological insights and even fewer thrills.

ing in awareness or insight. He's convinced that Mr. Hi-rayama, one of his patients, is stabilized and can stop taking medication, but his nurse thinks it's time to hospitalize poor Mr. Hirayama (surprise, she's right). Meanwhile, the doc's receptionist, and secret flame, is getting bored with her employer's lack of amorous interest.

White Mischief

Enter the mysterious woman in white, Miyako, who is worried about her lover, Kimie. She's not wor-ried about the bruises she re-

ried about the bruises she re-ceived from Kimie, only that Kimie was upset.

Not to worry, though, the doc (who should have been called Dr. Strangelove) will save the day, rescue the en-dangered, and heal the wacko

— maybe even cure a lesbian or two with his manly ... whatever. Or maybe he won't. Maybe you will figure out, long before the doctor, that things are more wacko in wacko-land than he imagines. There are some good performances in this overlong (109 minutes and I felt everyone of them) piece, especially from the actress who portrays Miyako, but the pace drags.

Miyako, but the pace drags, the true surprises are rare, and the subtitles are frequently (thanks to an unhappy com-bination of white letters on a white background) difficult to read. Since no press materials were provided to identify the actors, and the screen credits were in Japanese, more specific references to the actors are impossible for this reviewer.

The director, Shunichi Na-gasaki, who released this film in 1989, is attempting a psy-chological thriller. But Na-gasaki manages few psycho-logical insights and even fewer thrills. His use of dead-on camera shots, held too long, robs the film of both momentum and suspense. The one lesbian love scene in the film is presented from a male heterosexual voyeuristic perspective. I strongly encourage the director to consult with some real lesbians before shooting this type of scene in the fu-

this type of scene in the future.

The Enchantment contains elements of Psycho, Single White Female, and Basic Instinct. But unfortunately, only the most superficial elements. This sort of thing has been done better before. In the case of The Enchantment, the result is simply tedious the result is simply tedious and derivative.

The Enchantment Kabuki 8 Theater, Feb 9 775-1775

Books

Bonkers Over Banana

by Banana Yoshimoto (Megan Backus, translator); Grove Press, \$14.95

by Deborah Peifer

Press, the publication of *Kitchen* in Japan touched off a wave of Banana-mania. I'm not at all surprised. Kitchen is as lovely a piece of writing as I've enjoyed in a while. "The ly a piece of writing as I've enjoyed in a while. "The place I love best in this world is the kitchen," says narrator Mikage Sakurai. "No matter where it is, no matter what kind, if it's a kitchen, if it's a place where they make food, it's fine with me." So fine, in fact, that when Mikage's grandmother, her last living relative, dies, the only place where she can sleep or feel any solace at all is in her grandmother's kitchen.

The aloneness, the crushing realization that she "was tied by blood to no creature

ing realization that she "was tied by blood to no creature in this world," is almost over-whelming, but the timely arrival of a young friend of the grandmother's leads finally to a realization that living is a choice. *Kitchen* is about loss and about the decision to love in the face of relentless in the face of relentless tragedy. But *Kitchen* is, in addition, about laughter, and living, and a mother who has to be experienced to be believed, but whose kindness and good humor are entirely believable.

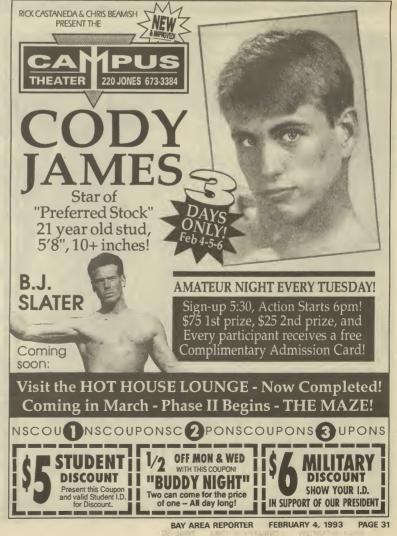
The author also creates a delicate subplot involving the



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transsexual owner of a gay bar, which is handled with a wonderful matter of factness. The easy acceptance of the transsexual by the other characters is refreshing.

Banana Yoshimoto's novel is delightful (and huzzah, too, for Megan Backus' wonderfully stylish translation). Yoshimoto has a real talent for creating an exact location and then allowing her characters to inhabit that space with tenderness and warmth. Let the Banana-mania begin!



Community

Aid and Comfort

by Roberto Friedman

o artist living with AIDS should have to choose between buying AZT or art That's the bottom supplies. supplies. That's the bottom line for the volunteers behind Visual Aid, the Bay Area grant program committed to helping professional artists with life-threatening illnesses keep creating art. Since 1989, Visual Aid has helped more than 40 artists with AIDS keep themselves in materials and ready for inspiration. and ready for inspiration.

An exhibition featuring the

work of seven grantee artists opened Tuesday night at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery, at Fort Mason. The show, a range of imagery from painters, two photographers, one sculptor and one mutli-media artist, is tangible evimedia artist, is tangible evidence of this program's crucial work: keeping alive the legacy of artists in our tragic time. "We try to stay focused on our purpose," said Visual Aid board president Gene Raney, "to keep the artistic life going. Artists have a soul need to continue making art."

Creatively Courageous

The 35 works on display at SFMOMA Rental Gallery were selected by the museum's Curator of Painting and Sculpture, John Caldwell. "The show is, first of all, a creative expression of the individual artists," according to



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Caldwell. "Taken together, however, it can also be seen as a manifestation of courage, and a struggle by all of them despite great difficulties." Some of the pieces are clearly the artists' evocations

of living with AIDS. Galen Martinez has created a self-portrait from a photograph of himself lying on a tomb. Selections from a series in which John Davis photographed himself in ballet-like poses during the progression of his illness are powerful and moving.

ful and moving.

The works of David Dashiell are themselves survivors of a fire in the artist's studio and living quarters last October. Dashiell credits Vi-October. Dashiell credits Visual Aid with helping him continue his work Preparatory sketches for a mural that Dashiell will create at the San Francisco Art Institute this spring appear in the Visual Aid exhibit. Some of them are charred, or stained with firefighting chemicals. Based are cnarred, or stained with firefighting chemicals. Based upon Pompeiian frescoes dis-covered in the so-called "Villa of the Mysteries," the draw-ings display invention and humor. They are Dashiell's take nor. They are Dashiell's take on the subject of the ancient wall paintings, a Dionysian initiation ritual; they're popu-lated with gay Edwardian horror-show characters and alien lesbians from the future.

Now you have the opportunity to support this vital program in high style. A benefit (gala dinner, raffle, and

dancing) for Visual Aid will feature Patsy Cline & the Memphis G-Spots at Greens Restaurant in Fort Mason on

Monday, February 8 at 7 pm. Each dinner reservation, at \$100 per person, includes a ticket for the Visual Aid Fantasy Raffle. Advance tickets can be purchased at Under One Roof (2362 Market) and A Different Light (489 Castro). SFMOMA Rental Gallery is located in Bldg. A at Fort Mason; for information and exhibit hours, call 441-4777. Help fund Visual Aid so that they can keep funding our artists. ▼



Frank Banks May 11, 1946 - Jan. 20, 1993

San Francisco entertainer and piano bar legend, Frank Banks died January 20 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 46. He died of AIDS. Born in Wagoner, Oklahoma, he family moved The the distribution of the Washell, Oklaholina, he fairly moved to Albuquerque where he was educated, graduating from Sandia High School and the University of New Mexico. Certified in elementary and secondary education, he taught English at the junior high school level in Grants, New Mexico until moving to San Francisco in 1974.

His love was music and particularly the piano, which he began playing as soon as he was tall enough to reach the keyboard at age three. By the time he was a teenager, he was the church pianist at the First Baptist Church in Albuquerque where he was a member. He frequently played for Civic Light Opera produc-tions, at private recitals or just to entertain his friends.

Leaving behind his teaching career, he joined the '70s migration West and quickly became San Francisco's premier piano bar entertainer. He was in demand everywhere, and wherever he played was where the action was. He was an institution at The Mint on Market Street for years. During his nearly 20 years in San Francisco, he brought joy and happiness to thousands, gracing the pianos at such varied watering holes as Nines, Sutter's Mill, The P.S., the New Bell Saloon, Charpe's, JJ's and the White Swallow. He was twice nominated by the Cable Car Awards for Entertainer of the Year.

He developed an enormous and intensely loyal following. He called his fans "his children" and was as dedicated to them as they were to him. Even as his body weakened, he would insist on "pulling himself together" to go sing and play the piano because "my children need me."

He spent the last two months of his life at the family home in Albuquerque where he grew up. He is survived by his mother Virginia Banks, and his brother Larry and sister Deborah. He is also survived by his best friends Tom Horn and Michael Scrivner of San Francisco and the thousands of his "children" everywhere who found in Frank Banks an evening of happiness, a ray of hope, a period of consolation or merely a moment of

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Annus Mirabilis

1981 became one of two landmark years for both the festival and Frameline as Lumpkin orchestrated a fortu-itous move to the Castro The-

"I had heard that the New York gay film festival screened feature length films and I felt there was potential for ours to grow. I started contacting anyone I could think of, trying to get information on films and what could be shown."

The festival opened at the Castro on Monday June 22 with the world premiere of Greetings From Washington, D.C., a documentary about 1979's march on Washington. Throughout the '80s, the

1979's march on Washington. Throughout the '80s, the festival expanded and changed. In 1982 a separate video festival and a photography exhibit were added. The opening night changed to Friday, the festival expanded to ten days, and special events were added like the Frameline Award presentation. Vito Russo, whose Celluloid Closet lectures packed the Castro twice in the '80s, won the first Frameline award in 1986. Later winners included Divine, er winners included Divine, Rob Epstein and Marlon Rig-

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"Over several years there was a recognition by the press, the industry, the general public, and filmmakers themselves, that there is an audience there, and of course says Lümpkin. "They see the Castro selling out that often castro selling out that often and it's something that is notired. The Castro Theatre and ticed. The Castro Theatre and its audience brought a lot to the festival."

The second landmark year for Frameline was 1986. The festival celebrated its tenth year. Lumpkin (until then a volunteer) was hired as Festiyear. Lumpkin (until then a volunteer) was hired as Festival Director, and media wiz Karen Larsen was hired as the festival's publicist (a partnership that clicked from the beginning and continues today). The opening night film, Dona Herlinda and her Son, a comedy from Mexico, brought down the house and went on to a successful theatrical run across the country—a sign of the festival's increasing influence. Mala Noche, Gus Van Sant's first feature, made its San Francisco debut. Frameline presented the world premiere of Arthur J. Bressan's Buddies, the first dramatic film about AIDS, a subject already featured in an increasing number of documentaries.

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And yet it was a 30-minute experimental film di-rected by an unknown Japanese-Canadian lesbian that shook up the festival and created some fundamental changes at Frameline.

Lesbian Riot

Midi Onoderis Ten Cents
A Dance (Parallax) featured three short vignettes. The second segment depicted two men, shot from overhead, having sex in a public restroom. Shown at the Roxie in a program titled Lesbian Shorts, the film struck a nerve. At first a trickle and then a stampede of women left the screening and poured into the Roxie's tiny lobby, many screaming, demanding many screaming, demanding

to know how a film that in-cluded male sex could have been programmed for les-

been programmed for les-bians. Many of the women who stayed in the theatre dis-rupted the screening with a non-stop barrage of noise.

"The lesbian riot," as it be-came known to Frameline board members, resulted in a community meeting at the Women's Building where Frameline answered ques-tions about programming and discussed the lack of films by and about lesbians.

"It was awful (the riot) at the time," says Lumpkin, "but it was a very important thing for Frameline to go through

for Frameline to go through because of the changes it brought. We really had to address the problem of a lack of

work by women. More than just saying, 'the films just aren't there, sorry.' "
From its first year, the festival had been a showcase for new films. There have always been revivals but like most film festivals the emphasis was film festivals the emphasis was on what was new and of interest to contemporary audiences. During the first half of the '80s there were always features (rarely from America) that appealed to gay men, but it was unusual for a lesbian feature to turn up. The programming question became: how many years can Novembermoon or Born in Flames (lesbian favorites) be screened and still have the festival be seen as a significant international film event?

Frameline, responding to the women's community, went through a major philosophical change that led to an increase in lesbian visibility. Women were invited to fill guest spots as co-programmers of the fesas co-programmers of the fes-tival. Special panels were in-cluded as a forum for lesbians to discuss film and video is-sues. A completion fund was established to give filmmakers, with an emphasis on women, grants needed to finish promis-ing film and video projects.

Mass Marketing

Under the leadership of Nancy Fishman and her assistant Desi del Valle, Frameline distribution has become a crucial part of Frameline's success. Women's films like Jan Oxenberg's A Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts, Susie Bright's videos on the history of lesbian erotica, and more recently Framing Lesbian Fashion by Karen Everett are available ly Framing Lesbian Fashion by Karen Everett are available to museums, schools, community organizations, and theatres around the world. Frameline also distributes scores of men's titles including Mala Noche and Marlon Riggs' Tongues Untied. The group plans to expand into the home video market with a tentitle test run during the summer of 1993.

Other current projects include work on a catalog that will list every film and video that has played at the San Francisco festival, participation in KQED's Living Room Festival (90 minutes of gay film and video airing February 12) and a program agriculture. 12) and an ongoing series at The Eye Gallery.

Last year, in the wake of the Robert Mapplethorpe flap, the National Endowment for the Arts, under pressure from Jesse Helms (among others) denied Frameline's grant request — funding that they had received in previous years. The organization was bombarded with calls from the straight press and gay groups around the country. For a solid month Frameline's attention was fo-

"There was a recognition by the press, the industry, the general public, and filmmakers themselves, that there is an audience there, and of course an audience equals money."

- Michael Lumpkin

cussed on the NEA as they fought their biggest national battle. Despite the financial loss (funding may still be granted for the distribution program) the fight brought unprecedented publicity and Finch sees the NEA debate as a net rain for other reseases. a net gain for other reasons as well.

"One problem Frameline has suffered in the last few years is that we started to seem a bit chichi and comfortseem a bit chichi and comfortable. There are activist organizations in the city — so many deserving AIDS groups — and what do we do? We show movies. But the NEA controversy suddenly radicalized the showing of film and video again."

Which brings Frameline happily back to its roots. The organization has thrived because it has reflected, responded to and led the community—both politically and artistically—for 17 years. Someone should buy the movie rights.

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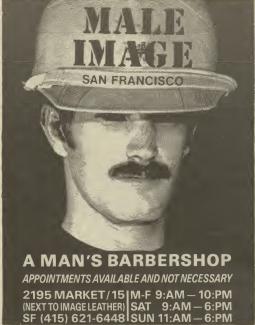
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Five Vie for Waddell Award

This Saturday night, February 6, marks the Fifth Annual Apex Awards ceremony, recognizing the contributions of the local gay and lesbian athletic community. The event is slated to start at 8 p.m. at the California Club (1750 Clay Street), with voting for the Tom Waddell Award beginning when the doors open at 6:30 p.m.

While awards will be presented to athletes in 18 different sports, the most presti-

ent sports, the most presti-gious honor of the evening will be the Waddell Award, which is named after the Gay Games founder and presented to those who best exemplify his commitment to the devel-opment of the gay sports community and to every individual attempting to achieve their own personal best goals. Dr. Waddell was instrumental in breaking down gay stereo-types as regards athletics and in fostering good sportsman-ship which is inclusive of all and emphasizes personal best achievement over gold or sil-

achievement over gold or silver medals.
Previous recipients of the Tom Waddell Award include Hal Garcia, the "mother" of gay bowling and a longtime participant in and promoter of the gay sports world; Bob Puerzer, Gay Games I and II marathon organizer and former head of San Francisco FrontRunners and Team San Francisco; Sara Lewinstein, prominent in women's softball and bowling and the Gay Games movement; and Dave Games movement; and Dave Studach, last year's winner and organizer of the San Francisco marathon team for the 1990 Gay Games and cofounder of the highly successful and search and search and successful and search and sear ful and popular Bay Area Distance Runners Club.

This year's nominees are

all outstanding individuals in the gay and lesbian athletic community and include some who have previously been nominated for the award. Selection of this year's winner will be up to those attending the Apex Awards ceremony on Saturday.

And the Nominees Are

The nominees include Les The nominees include Les Balmain, an active participant in and promoter of the gay sports community for over 25 years. Balmain was one of the founding members of both the Gay Community Softball League and the Gay Tennis Federation. His accomplishments as a player coach or rederation. His accomplishments as a player, coach, organizer, and fundraiser are exemplary. Nominated for her participation in the gay sports community is Wendy Gershow of Gay Softball League fame, where she helped form the Women's Division She is currently serie. neiped form the women's Di-vision. She is currently serv-ing as the Women's Division representative for the Gay Games and is also on the board of directors for both Team San Francisco and the Apex Awards. Her devotion the development and improvement of the gay sports community has been high-lighted by awards from the GSL and Apex.



Susan Kennedy, Apex Award

Gershow's fellow board member, Susan Kennedy, is also nominated. Kennedy asso nonlimated. Reintedy serves on the board for both Team San Francisco and the Apex Awards, and was re-cently elected co-president of the Federation of Gay Games. She has worked hard as a player and as a coach in wom-en's basketball and was in-

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strumental in TSF's participation at the 1990 (and the up-coming 1994) Gay Games. Her strong will is reminiscent of the drive Dr. Waddell showed in overcoming obstacles for the betterment of the gay orts community. Rikki Streicher is already

a legend in the gay sports world, and receiving the Tom Waddell Award only seems fitting given her many accomplishments and selfless dedication. She backed many struggling sports teams financially in the days when gay sports was unheard of, and she has always supported the Gay Games movement. Streicher serves on the board of directors of the Federation of Gay Games, which she helped found. She was honored with torch-lighting duties at the torch-lighting duties at the 1986 Gay Games, and has been the recipient of many awards for her dedication and

The achievements of Rick The achievements of Rick Windes are many. As a participant, coach, and organizer of the Tsunami Swim Team, Windes has brought the gay swimming movement into the international spotlight and given it "legitimacy" through his involvement in U.S. Master Swimming, International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics, and a host of other related organizations. He has served as ganizations. He has served as ganizations. He has served as co-chair of Team San Francisco and was greatly involved in Gay Games III swimming, both as a competitor and as an organizer. The countless hours he has given to swimming and the gay sports community in general are reflected in his numerous records and medals. and medals

It will be hard to chose one recipient from so many one recipient from so many deserving nominees, but, whoever wins, the ideals of Dr. Tom Waddell will continue to be recognized and promoted throughout the gay athletic world. Waddell established the model for sportsmapship and achievesportsmanship and achieve-ment that these nominees, as well as countless others involved in gay sports, continue to strive to emulate. ▼



Gay South African satirist, Pieter-Dirk Uys portrays Evita Bezuidenhout, a faux South African government official. Uys makes his San Francisco debut Tuesday at the Holy City Zoo (386-4242) and Wednesday at the Improv (441-7787). Sing it loud, sing it proud, "'Ain't gonna play Sun City!"

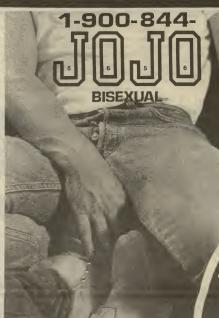
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Musc Asian, very gdlkng, 27yo, sks romance w/GWM under 35yo, in good shape. Men from the Middle East a plus. EXT. 5614

Wntd: hunk of a top man, 23-35yo, musc, big dick 8" plus. Me: hot, sexy, musc GBM wanting to exp btm w/eating WM Italn. EXT. 5615

Strt-acting HIVneg SWM, early 30s, sks same for passionate sensuality/poss ltr. EXT. 5616

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S Bay cute GWM, 32yo, will open drapes for your viewing pleasure late nites. Me: 6', 180lbs, blk/br, dark complexion. You: Hisp/blk. EXT. 5632

6', bin/biu, 34yo, hairy guy lkng for a hot-lkng long-haired GWM, 25-40yo, well proportioned, for dating, play, poss long-term monog ritnsph, Let's meet in public somewhere and kiss before we arrange our first date. Want a little romance? EXT. 5633

38yo, "big," hairy, 6'2, dk-haired WM widynamite baby blues lkng for another big, HIVneg WM, 29-45yo, for sharing exp. poss long term rithshp as friends, lovers, buddies. Open-minded and accept any type of guy if he's enjoyable to be around. EXT. 5634

Athletic GWM, 48yo, sks dark guys who like all-over oral attn. Bi, strt OK. Uncut, hairy OK. EBay only. I aim to pls. No recip. EXT 5635

Toe sucker/ckskr hndsm, butch Italn, 5'9, 150lbs, cln-shvn, 29yo, sks masc, yng, wht dude. Straighter the better ... any time. EXT. 5636

Get manhandled! Very hndsm musc GWM sks other well-bit men for erotic wrestling. Open to all skill levels and fantasies ... emphasis on fun. EXT. 5637

Want a shave? Get sensual crotch, ass, pubic shave/trim by GWM, 37yo, cln-shvn, smooth, swimmer's bld. No charge, just for fun. EXT. 5638

GWM, 5'11, 170lbs, It br/grn, HIVpos, late 40s. Has healthy appetites (horny) and sks to meet similar HIVpos for frndshp and satisfaction of needs. Poss rltnshp? EXT. 5639

Attrac Latino desired by attrac GWM, 5'8, 150lbs, blond, HIVneg. I enjoy working out, dining out, many activities. Lkng for frndshp and rltnshp. Under 30yo. Take charge and call. EXT. 5640

Gdlkng GWM, late 40s, 6'2, 160lbs, quiet side, sks thin, smooth, 25-35yo guy for romantic dates, maybe more. Slow and sensual does it. EXT. 5641

Hndsm, passionate blk btm w/big dick sks hot, hairy top for long, hot safe fucking and massage.

Hndsm btm, 32yo, 5'8, 150lbs, dk 'stache, 7'' uncut, excellent ckskr, real tight ass, sks very well-hung man/men, 9'' plus and thick, into plowing butt. Bring a buddy or two. EXT. 5643

Big-dicked Italn hunk wants to plug up every hole in your body. Masc, hard-body, tight-butt men only. Any race. EXT. 5644

Bi BM, 42yo, 6'3, 200lbs, sks vers top for sexual frndshp. Tall a plus. EXT. 5645

Oakland midnight rambler sks masc guys for strictly JO, dirty talk, late nite — my place while partying. If you like my ad, don't be intimidated. EXT. 5646

1960 GWM, 5'9, competition frame, bioclean construction, 170lbs, brn/hzl, in stock. EXT. 5647

Mature male, uncut 8" thick tool, big head, low balls, sks same. 3-way OK. EXT. 5648

Big-cocked, cln-cut, gdlkng dude wants to JO w/same. Tattoos, cock rings, pierced, hairy are turnons. EXT. 5649

GLM btm, HIVneg, sks top man for lite SM, FF toys, dirty talk, spanking, poss rltnshp or buddies. Leathermen welcome EXT. 5650

Macho, rugged blt, muscled WM, 36yo, 195lbs, 6', sks other butch/blt, strt/hood-street blk/Latino for discreet man to man. EXT. 5651

Hot, masc, easygoing 30yo, 5'10, 170lbs, bl/grn, very well blt, into meeting dk-haired, masc, well-blt, hairy top men. Latin, Italn a plus. 34-44yo, serious, discreet. EXT. 5652

For serious buttfuckers: I'm a yng, slim, hairy, hndsm, tight and hungry, hungry, hungry hole in need of reg, uninhibited feed. Also into sucking, rimming, toys, WS, groups, parties, etc. but focused on pumping the hole full. No BS btm ready to fully serve. EXT. 5653

Blnd/blu 47yo lks 35yo, 5'10, 165lbs, masc, into mature rlmshp, sex secondary, into Asian and Latin men, esp others too. No drugs, insincere. HIVneg only. E Bay pref. EXT. 5654

Hot, horny Latin btm, 28yo, 165lbs, skng GWM tops, 18-30yo, to plow my tight ass. EXT. 5656

Hot, tender affection, mutual deep kisses, nipple work, toys, videos w/GWM, 40s, HIVpos, 5'9, blond, smkr. Some days. EXT. 5657

Central Contra Costa GWM, 26yo, 160lbs, br/grn, gdlkng, sks other gdlkng GWMs, 21-34yo, for fun. EXT. 5660

Japanese/Asian sugar daddy sought by yng Latino student. EXT. 5661

Blond surfer sks XXL BB. Let me worship you from head to toe. Let me make all your hours in the gym pay off. You're a god, be treated like one. Tight, hot ass. EXT. 5662

Gdlkng GWM, 26yo, needs you to work my hot 24yo GWM. He needs more! Well hung and under 30yo a plus. Make him work. EXT.

Anthing-goes btm, fit, 57yo, 6', 170lbs, sks no-limit topman BD, FF, WS, CBTT, sounds, cathelectro, flog, any age, race. EXT. 56664

Foreskin servicing reqd by attrac,

HIVneg WM w/ample skin, 5'11, 153lbs, br/br, smooth, 'stache, safe, healthy, vers btm, dildoee, no smk/drugs. You: GWM/GLM w/insatiable foreskin appetite, 18-45yo, attrac, wt/ht proprtnl, HIVneg, vers top, dildoer, safe, no smk/drugs. Plusses: uncut, well hung, but not nec, poss frindshp/rltnshp. EXT. 5665

Hot tongue service for sweaty feet, toes, balls, pits given by a mature man w/ a deep throatl EXT. 5666

Gdlkng, husky GWM, 210lbs, 6', HIVpos, btm, sks SF top for daytime Fr/Gr at your place. No commitment. Hung a plus. EXT. 5667

GWM btm, yng 51yo, sks ongoing, safe meetings wihot top. I'm slender, fair, smooth, sensuous. We're both fit, nonsmkrs/users, HIVneg, sane, very sexual. EXT. 5668

Cpls: cute, intelligent, athletic, HIVneg, playful, 20s, Asian. Can add spice in/out of bed. Let's grow together. EXT. 5669

28yo, smooth, slender Asian sks loving, well-blt GWM, 30-40yo, for sharing good times, kisses, massage, movies, dinners, frndshp, more. EXT. 5670

Hairy'stache 35-50yo needed by Fil-Am man, 30s, 5'6, safe, can be top/btm, likes to kiss, cuddle. Let's talk. EXT. 5671

Mexican male, 5'4, 135lbs, 36yo, btm, very horny, sks GWM tops for fun. EXT. 5672

Cpl sks topsl 26yo, br/br, boyish, smooth, btm/vers 30yo, bl/grn, anal btm, sks 18-32yo, hung big. Can you handle it? EXT. 5673

Hot body, hot blond btm, 5'6, 145lbs, blue eyes, hairy, HIVneg, uncut, nice looks, 40s, wants you for plain sex. EXT. 5674

Yng prof wht boy wants other boys to play with. 29yo, 5'5, 125lbs, sks same size, pref strt/bi Asians. EXT. 5675

Widower sks Oakland area bear. I'm healthy, 46yo, 6'3, 190lbs, HIVneg. Sks similar to share music, movies, hikes on beach, local travel, poss more. EXT. 5676

E Bay, light BM, tall, good shape, 40s, sks AM/LM/BM for body worship, safe sexual play and EXT. 5677

Are you 18yo, but look really, really, really yng? Boyish, smooth wntd, esp Asians. EXT. 5678

Lkng for bi/GWM, 20-30yo, masc, fit, HIVneg. Me: gdlkng, 23yo, clean, healthy, discreet, grad student. Let's try. EXT. 5679

Daddy WM, 45yo, HIVpos, healthy, sks submsv boy. Hairy, bearded, bald all plusses. Butt and tit play, lite SM. EXT. 5680

Luscious blk btm, 36yo, 190lbs, lkng for hot, well-hung men for serious lovemaking. Safe, sensual, intense. EXT. 5681

40yo, musc, stocky, w/big, hard nipples, wants GBM/GLM into tit and nipple satisfaction: hot 'n' norny. EXT. 5682

GWM, 31yo, sks cigar-smkng man. This guy wants to suck your raspberry cock. Boy likes to wear sweaters and take your piss. EXT. 5683

I love chicken. Ryker look alike desperately skng Wesley. Must take orders. I'll go where no one has gone before. EXT. 5684

Two gdlkng GWMs, mid-20s, sk others for hot times. Well hung and under 25yo a plus. Let us be your slaves! EXT. 5685

Blond surf boy sks very dark, hairy, macho studs to ram my tight, hot ass. EXT. 5686

BGM, very attrac, tall, slim, skng BGM, 25-35yo, for fun, dating, poss rltnshp. Tall, dark, hairy men a plus. EXT. 5687

Chinese male, 28yo, not into gay scene, novice btm, lkng for masc, strt/bi Asians only for friends or poss more. EXT. 5688

Weekend wrestling parties in prvt gym w/hot, tough men. Raw, sweaty man-to-man, rough-house mat action/fun guaranteed if you're game! EXT. 5689

Hot WM, gym bod, has hungry tongue for well-blt, beefy WM w/ a tight, hungry bubble butt. EXT.

Achiever (great resume), 30s, 6'1, 170lbs, bl/bl, sks another smart, attrac, N/S, HIVneg GM who accepts being gay to explore intimacy, spirituality, monogamy The best sex I've ever had has been in such a rItnshp. EXT. 5691

Skng BGM master for intense training and domination. Me: 6', 175lbs, submsv GBM slave, new to SM, domination. EXT. 5692

I want you to sit on my face so I can tongue-fuck your big, hairy bubble butt. You: well-blt WM, 20-30s, hairy. Me: hot, hung big, well blt, hungry tongue. EXT. 5696

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FRIDAY 5

Raft of the Medusa
Joseph Pintauro's expansive
and powerful drama about
people with HIV and AIDS in
a support group. \$14-16.
8pm. Sun. 2pm. Thru 3/7.
Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter.
296-9179.

Muff Diva
Outrageous dyke comic Lea
DeLaria combines raucous
humor with sultry jazz
vocals. \$12. 8pm. Added
10pm shows on Fri. Thru
2/21. Josie's, 16th at
Market. 861-7933.

Crying Holy
Wayne Corbitt's powerful
drama about an African
American family's spiritual
turmoil when their son is
diagnosed with HIV. \$11-17.
8pm. Thru 2/20. Theatre
Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St.
861-5079.

Outside Blake's Window
Dance, theatre, music
spectacle based on the
formative events in
poet/painter William Blake's
life. Performed by Tandy Beal
& Co. \$11-15. 8pm. Thrt.
2/14. Fort Mason's Cowel
Theatre, Marina Blvd. at
Buchanan. 441-5705.

The Colored Museum
A turbulent tour through
African-American history,
including a catty snap queen,

2/7. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina. 255-8510.

Taking Shape Series
Women performers and
writers in a shared evening,
with works by Claire Blotter,
Cynthia Bruckman, DeeAnne
Davis, Judy Juanita. \$8-12.
8pm. Sun. 7pm. Thru 1/31.
Braval Studio Theatre, 2180
Bryant at 20th. 641-7657.

A Snake in the Vein Alan Bowne's blistering black comedy about two men in rehab, one gay, one straight, both nuts. \$10. 8:30pm. Closes Sat. Theatre Rhino-ceros, 2926 16th. 861-5079 ceros, 5079.

Volpone
Berkeley Rep's production of
this lusty Jacobean satire
features John O'Keefe,
Geoff Hoyle, Cintra Wilson
and others. \$19-31. 8pm.
Mats at 2pm. Thru 3/5.
Berkeley Repertory Theatre,
2025 Addison St. at
Shattuck, Berkeley. (510)
845-4700.

Counting the Ways & Talk To Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen Edward Albee and Tennessee Williams one-act plays, neither about gay themes, but well written nonetheless. Directed by Joseph Chaikin. \$5. 8:30pm. Sun. 7pm. Thru 2/14. Magic Theatre's Southside Theatre, Fort Mason, Bldg, D. 441-8822.

Nudes at Azido (Sun.) Outside Blake's Window Man of Marble (both Fri.)

Ebony model, buppies and radicals. Performed by Oakland Ensemble Theatre. \$11-25. 8pm. Sat. 2 & 8pm. Sun. 3pm. Thru 2/14. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice, Oakland. (510) 763-7774.

I Hate Hamlet
Paul Rudnick's (out gay
playwright) hilarious comedy
about an actor who moves
into a New York apartment
haunted by the ghost of John
Barrymore. Opening night
champagne gala (\$15).
\$8.50-12. 8pm. Thru 2/27.
Alexandria Bookstore Auditorium, Rosicrucian Park,
1342 Naglee Ave., San Jose.
(510) 792-9792.

Whatever
Happened to B.B. Jane?
Tuneful drag camp comics
smear the lipstick extra wide
in a revival of the hit show.
\$13-17. 8pm. Sun. 3pm.
Thru 2/28. Artfull Circle
Theatre, 47 Waller. 6265455.

A Poster of the Cosmos Craig Osterberg performs Lanford Wilson's one-man play about life, love and AIDS. \$7-10. 8:30pm. Thru

Candida
George Bernard Shaw's classic play about a woman who must decide between two men, but ultimately chooses herself. Performed by the Aurora Theatre Company. \$12-18. 8pm. Sun. 2pm. Thru 2/28. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant (btwn. Elisworth & Dana). (510) 843-4822.

Three Postcards
Craig Lucas (Longtime Companion & Prelude to a Kiss author) and Craig Carnelia's witty "free form" musical consists of revealing conversations in a chic Manhattan restaurant between three women. \$15. 8pm Sun. 2 & 7pm. Thru 2/28. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St. 292-3218.

Once in a Blue Moon
Musical revue of forgotten
and peculiar Broadway songs
by Rodgers & Hart, Cole
Porter and the like. \$15.
8pm. Sat. at 6 & 9pm. Sun.
at 3pm. Cable Car Theatre,
430 Mason near Union
Square. 989-9132.

Ballet Nuevo Mundo de Caracas
Called a "magnetic company of outstanding calibre," this South American dance company performs Ojos Del Amazona, about the destruction of the rain forest. \$12-50. 2/5 performance includes a benefit reception, with a drawing for a Seabourn Cruise to the Costa Rican rainforest (\$125). Thru 2/7. San Jose Center for the Perf. Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd. (408) 998-2277.

A Hunger Artist
& In the Penal Colony
Two Kafka one-act plays,
performed by Open Egg
Theatre, both strange and
unusual. \$12. 8pm. Thru
2/14. Phoenix Theatre, 301
Eighth St. 621-4423.

Kronos Quartet
Major gig by the acclaimed
musical group, with different
pieces each night. \$15-18.
Call for times. Thru 2/7.
Kimball's East, Emeryville.
(510) 658-2555.

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Last Call at Maud's Fascinating documentary about one of the world's legendary SFlesbian bars, with interviews with Ricki Streicher, Del Martin, Phyllis Lyon and many pivotal dykes, and rare archival footage. 7pm benefit for Frameline & Bay Area Video Coalition. \$6 (\$10 for pre-screening reception). Daily, 7, 9pm. Sat., Sun., Wed. at 1, 3, 5, 7, 9pm. Thru 2/11. Castro Theatre, Castro at Market. 621-6120.

Man of Marble Andre Wajda's Note that the search for a mythical cult hero, whose real story lies hidden in old dusty government buildings. \$5. 7:30pm. Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 642-1124.

SATURDAY 6

Dark Fruit
Pomo Afro Homos' special
encore performance of their
hit show of campy, funny,
and serious satire. A psychosexual lecture manual comes
to life as black and white
teen boys discover each
other, and get discovered.
\$10. 8pm. La Pena Cultural
Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave.,
Berkeley. (510) 849-2568.

The Duchess of Malfi
ACT's production of John
Webster's lurid play about
passion and obsession, based
on a real life crime in 18thcentury Italy, \$10-36. 8pm.
Wed. & Sat. 2pm. Sun. 3pm.
Thru 3/14. Marines Memorial
Theatre, 609 Sutter. 7492ACT.

The Promise
Aleksei Arbuzov's popular
Soviet play about a love
triangle between three
Leningrad youths at the end
of Stalin's rule. \$6-12. 8pm.
Thru 2/21. Bannam Place
Theatre, 50 Bannam Place.
995-4617.

Gay Comedy Night
Marga Gomez (who ruled the
Celluloid Closet benefit!),
Doug Holsclaw, Maureen
Brownsley. \$10. 10pm.
Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933 Josie's, 7933.

Concentrated Performance Benefit for the LAB Special all-star evening with MC Rodney O'Neal Austin, vocalist Pamela Z. Ester Amy Fischer performs Suck, writer Kevin Killian's Fergie features Leslie Singer. Also Aaron Noble, Poco Ritard, plus D-L Alvarez and others in The Sweet Stink of Pinky. 88-10. 8pm. The LAB, 1807 Divisadero. 346-4063.



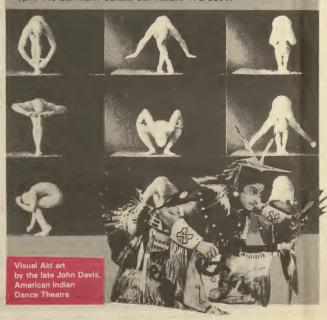
It's the Year of the Cock! Ignore all those chickens who say "rooster." Chinese New Year is the spectacle to enjoy, and there's a lot of ancient specialties filling up the streets and shops of Chinatown. Even though it is sponsored by the bogus Chronicle (remember what outgoing president they endorsed?), the celebrations remain unsullied by unsavory corporate endorsement. See the infamous dragon make its appearance on the streets Feb. b, sometrume between 11am and 5pm. Dive into the crowd of celebrants and gullible tourists. Sample the bean curd buns, duck, and veggie treats. Set off some fireworks (carefully!). Scope Chinese art and dragons at the Chinese Cultural Foundation, 750 Kearny (Holiday Inn, 3rd floor). Exhibits include-paintings, drawings, and crafts demonstrations.

Get a laugh from Jason Stuart. The popular comic and film actor (and former Star Search winner) has been performing in clubs all over the country, and recently came out, so in a straight club like Cobb's he might need some homo audience members to help explain the jokes. \$8-10. 2-drink minimum. 9pm. Feb. 9-14 at Cobb's Comedy Club, 2801 Leavenworth (at Beach St.). 928-4320.

Keep art alive at the Visual Aid Gala, a benefit for the organization that helps artists with AIDS, Monday, Feb. 8. Performing at the tasty Greens Restaurant will be the inimitable Arturo Galster as Patsy Cline and the Memphis G-Spots. Raffle prizes include a trip for two to NYC with accommodations at the Plaza (ritzy!? I'll say). Dinner and dance tickets are \$100 (\$125 at the door). Tickets for the gala are available at A Different Light and Under One Roof. If that price tag is a bit steep for your well-intentioned yet impoverished pockets, at least see the exhibit of art by six artists, each grantee recipients of Visual Aid. David Dashiell, John Davis, Robin Tichane and three others show their diverse talents at the SF Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery, Fort Mason, thru Feb. 27. For more info, call Visual Aid 391-9663.

For even more entertainment for your benefit dollars, the Project Inform Benefit at Theatre Artaud features the talents of Paul Anellia and Matthew Martin, Elli Coppola, Crying Holy author Wayne Corbitt, Jess Curtis, Kathleen Hermesdorf/Scott Wells Dance Co., Kneejerk Dance Project, Jean Swallow and others. Dance, drag, comedy and music all in one evening. What more do you want? Sunday, Feb. 7. 7pm. \$10-25. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797.

Some things are worth hiking a bit for, even to Marin, especially when the American Indian Dance Theatre is performing. Their new repertory includes traditional dances from the eastland woodland tribes. The double hoop dance will be performed by two members of North Carolina's Cherokee tribe. Larger works include the Bear Dance of the Southern Ute tribe and a Zuni Butterfly dance. With dancers, singers and drummers representing 20 tribes, the expansive heritage of this company is impressive, and the historical accuracy of their beautiful costumes a spectacle of indigenous pride. Saturday, Feb. 6. 8pm. \$16-20. Marin Center, San Rafael. 472-3500.



He Ran All the Way John Garfield's last film, with a young Shelley Winters as the woman he befriends after killing a man. Definitive film noir in a vault print. \$5. 5:30, 9pm. Pacific Film Archive,

SF Hiking Club
8-mile hike to Mt. Tamalpais
State Park, Cataract Cr. at
high water. Marin Co. hikers
meet at Rock Spring,
10:45am. SF hikers, call
255-1420.

Girth & Mirth Be My Red Valentine Sweetheart Party. \$3. 8pm. 176-B Page St. 824-0260.

SUNDAY 7

When the Lights Go On A cabaret tribute & sing-along to songs of WWII, with The Girls Next Door vocal trio as the Andrews Sisters. \$10-12.50. 2:30-5pm. College of

as Barbra Streisand and Judy Garland, \$17.50-20. 8pm (also 10:30pm Sat.), The York Hotel's Plush Room Cabaret, 940 Sutter, 885-2800.

Irish Lesbian & Gay Group Social support group for native Irish queer men & women. Call for time & meeting location. 929-8877.

Women's Action Coalition Open alliance of activist women. Every Tuesday, 7:30pm. The Women's Building, 3543 18th St. Free childcare. (510) 869-2584.

The Christensen Brothers and the San Francisco Ballet Exhibit celebrating the contributions of the three brothers - Harold, Lew, and William- in photos, programs, videos and set & costume designs. Thru 3/31. SF Performing Arts Library & Museum, 399 Grove St. 255-4800.

Loesser's classic musical, with plenty of great singing, dancing and Lorna Luft as Miss Adelaide. \$32-55. 8pm. Thru 3/6. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary (510) 762-BASS.

Elaine Brown:
A Taste of Power
Former Black Panther leader reads from her autobiography, a moving testament to one woman's rise in a male-dominated militant movement. Free. 7:30pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

THURSDAY 11

Tanguedia
Players Club's deadly blend
of cabaret, tango, Greek
tragedy and schtick. Oedipus
in 30s Buenos Aires. 8pm
Sun. 2pm. Thru 2/21. SF
State University's Studio
Theatre, 1600 Holloway.
338-2467.

Jumping The Broom Comic revue that takes a look at the creativity and contra-dictions of lesbian and gay



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San Mateo Theatre, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo. 552-2222.

He Ran All the Way (Sat.) When the Lights Go On (Sun.) Dee Anne Davis in Taking Shape (Fri.)

Unmoored Media
New videos from Drift
Distribution, including zine
luminary Greta Snider's Our
Gay Brothers, Tom (Swoon)
Kalin's finally destroy us, and
Carl George's DHPG Mon
Amour. \$5. SF Art Institute,
800 Chestnut St. 558-8129.

Jacking In
Monthly series on cyberspace literacy, this
crash course on navigating
the Internet, an international
electronic mail file. \$3-5.
7pm. Modern Times
Bookstore, 888 Valencia.

G40plus Club
Therapist George Bilotta
speaks on "Adult Survivors of
Incest: Rekindling Hope and
the Life Spirit." 2-4pm. First
Unitarian Church, 1187
Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

The Nude
Group exhibition of photography and sculpture by
Lance Keimig, Jude Lerner,
Shray Todd & others. Thru
2/28. Azido Arts, 560 Hayes.
252-9001.

MONDAY 8

Gay Comedy Open Mike Emcee Suzy Berger. Rookies sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Fertile Flames
Exhibit of blown up micrographic images of sperm and AIDS viruses with African fertility dolls created by artist Oden Santiago. Thru March. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568.

The Tehaunas:
Women of Pride and Presence
Photo and text exhibit by
Marcia Leiberman about the
legendary small town
Mexican women, called
"amazonas," who reportedly
can castrate a man with their
bare hands. Mon.-Sat. Thru
2/19. UC Extension Galleria,
UC Extension Center, 55
Laguna. 861-6833.

TUESDAY 9

Jim Bailey It's "Fever" season as the grand drag impersonator does Miss Peggy Lee, as well

WEDNESDAY 10

Polls
''Gotta get off, gonna get off...'' Philip R. Ford brings the screenplay of Jaqueline Susanne's classic '60s novel to the stage, with a '90s twist. A wig-tearing transgender queen fest starring Jade, Arturo Galster, Deena Davenport, Johnny Kat & more. Previews open tonight. 8:30pm. \$12-18.

Guys and Dolls
"A person could develop a cold!" The Tony Award-winning revival of Frank

weddings. \$8. 8:30pm. Sun. at 7pm. Thru 2/28. Theatre Rhinoceros Studio, 2926 16th. 861-5079.

Fragments of an America International poetry, music and dance explosion in utopian fragments, with artists from Argentina, France, India, Japan, Haiti, Each explores what America has become and what it could be. \$6-12.

Noche de Corazones Party/benefit for AGUILAS and GELAAM, with music, snacks, entertainment, raffle, dancing). \$6. 9pm-2am. El Rio, 3158 Mission. 648-3702.

Prevention of Date Rape Panel of speakers provide facts on safety, rape prevention and STD prevention ree. Feb. 5. 1-2pm. Visual Arts, Rm. 114, City College, Ocean and Phelan aves. 239-3580.

An Exploration of Grief Stephen & Ondrea Levine lead a wo-day workshop on coping with death, abuse and deal of with loss. \$135 (scholarships avail, for PWAs/PWHIV) eb. 6 & 7 10-5pm, Scottish Rite Center, Oakland 53-5755.

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) offers alternate/complementary therapies into, peer counseling, referrals on housing, transportation, substance abuse and early intervention, 944 Market, Suite 210, 403-3800.

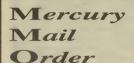
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Rituals for Queer Men Jack Davis' six-week neo-pagan, Celtic, Radical Faerie, head/heart/dick workshop, \$120-180. Weds. Feb 10-Mar. 17, 7:30 9:30pm 848 Divisadero. 863-2609.

Sex, Intimacy & Change Keith Hennessy's weekly workshop series on sex magic, safe cock worship, & pagan homo issues. \$140-210. Feb. 11-Mar. 25, 35:30pm. 848 Community Space. Reservations and deposit req. 885-2003.

Phantom & Real Projections: Lesbians and the (Serial) Killing Machine Prof. Cathy Griggers of Carnegie Mellon University presents a lecture and slide show, co-sponsored by The Pink Agenda (the queer student group). Free. Feb. 10, 4-6pm, 315 Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley. (510) 845-6867.

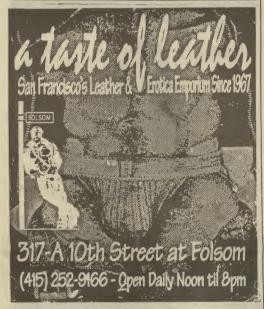
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REPORTER

Mr. Marcus

Jennifer Boyd Is the New Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather

he roster of candidates for the International Ms. Leather title (to be bestowed upon a lucky woman on March 20) added a new name last Saturday night, Jan. 30, at Joseph's Town & Country in Sacramento. Jennifer Boyd is the new Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather. It's a pity that ley Leather. It's a pity that there was only one contestant for the three-hour extravaganat that incorporated fantasies, speeches and entertainment, and was put on by the Sacramento Leather Association to benefit W.E.A.V.E and

Mr. Drummer Emerson
Briney and Ms. Northern California Leather Donna
Shrout, the emcees, managed
to quip, insult each other (and
other leather title holders in
the audience), ad-lib and
make innumerable references to Donna's metal-and-lace outto Donna's metal-and-lace out-fit (a Jacqui Jewels creation) that looked like it came right out of a Spanish version of Forever Amber, overflowing boobs and all. The boobs al-most escaped their metal cas-ings.

Source and an in the books are most escaped their metal casings.

Outgoing Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather Carolina remained gracious throughout, and Mr. Sacramento Valley Leather John Yant did a humorous clothing store skit. Mr. Northern California Leather Wes Patterson was nowhere to be seen.

John Yant is raffling off a red neon pig sign that would fit in well with any number of people we all know. It was created by Plain Jane Neon. Call (916) 455-7290 for details on the raffle.

The judges — IMsL. Blair,

on the rattle.

The judges — IMsL. Blair,
Leather Daddy Irwin Kane,
Beth Key, Jana, John Siracusa
and Lupe Rosenbaum —
rather than question Jennifer rather than question Jennifer in the pre-judging, gave her input/insight into her title. From the comments I've heard, Jennifer will do quite well, thank you! It was a fun night in the capital, and the celebration the next day at the victory brunch was the weekend's closing event. Jennifer will compete for Intl. Ms. Leather in March. She's a real doll!



Jennifer Boyd was named Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather last Saturday night, Jan. 30. Here being "sashed" by the outgoing

Last week, ye olde campus had its moments. You can tell its contest/title season as dudes are gearing up for bar titles that will land them on the stage of the Mr. SF Leather contest coming your ways of April 3

Leather contest coming your way on April 3.

Tuesday, Jan. 26, it was packed to the rafters at Headquarters Bar for the first heat of Philip Turner's Mr. Hairy Chest '93 contest. Judges Lupe Rosenbaum, Art Tomaszewski and Grant Dupont faced six fuzzy ones and wrecked the audience with their audacious questions.

with their audacious questions.

When all was said and done, Russ Gaspard won with Fun Buns Mike Powers the runner-up. They picked the second heat winners this past Tuesday night, Feb. 2 (too late for this column), and next Tuesday (Feb. 9) is the third heat. The six winners will compete on Feb. 16 for the ti-

tle and the cash, studded vest and other prizes. These are fun events, so come on down. They raised \$349 for the AIDS Emergency Fund at the first heat.

the first heat.
Wednesday, Jan. 27, three dudes showed up for the first heat of Mr. Watering Hole Leather, the title soon to be vacated by Ed Sparan. Vern Stewart quipped through the event that was not without its event that was not without its amusing moments. Judges Gregory Adams, Irwin Kane and Paul Mastrioni had a good time, and in the end, Richard Faust won the first round with Chris Jackson run-

richard Faust won the irist round with Chris Jackson running up. The second heat was last night, Wednesday, Feb. 3 (again too late for my deadline). The third heat will be on Wed., Feb. 17, and the finals and the title bestowing will be on Friday, Feb. 19.

Don Thompson isn't amused that I failed to mention the location of his Buns R Us calendar benefit last Saturday, Jan. 30. I'll admit it might have confused some of you into thinking it was in Sacramento. Nevertheless, the small crowd at the Eagle did raise over \$500 for the Godfather Service Fund, and Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps Judith garnered the most for the dinner date auction. The next dinner date auction. The next soiree will be at the Watering Hole on Sunday, Feb. 7, from 1600-1900 with a \$7 food/beer bust thang.

The Tom of Finland Foundational foundations of the support of the su

The Tom of Finland Foundation landed a big crowd for their annual Toms Bar party, where allegedly only LA's hottest leather/uniform men were allowed entry last Sunday, Jan. 31. I would have made it only en route back from Sacramento, the designation of the sacramento in the sa



First heat winners in Headquarters Bar's Hairy Chest '93 contest Russ Gaspard (1st Place) and Mike Powers, runner-up. The finals will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16. (Photo: Mr. Marcus

(Continued on next page)



Winners of the first round of the Mr. Watering Hole competition Richard Faust (1st Place) and Chris Jackson (runner-up) last Wednesday, Jan. 27. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

nated driver (and he doesn't even drink) was so busy dishing leather and non-leather icons from A to Z (in alphabetical order) that he missed the turnoff and we ended up in Lodi in the wee hours of Sunday! Lodi? In full leather in redneck country? Real cute!

Only die-hard football Only die-hard football freaks were really watching the Dallas/Buffalo Super Trounce last Sunday. It just ain't the same without the 49ers playing, is it? As far as I'm concerned, Dallas is Texas' team — not America's team! P.U.

Multiple Slur-osis

Trouble in (black) par-adise? Gregory Adams is miffed because Mr. BlackFire Jimmy Lee Murray will not disrobe for the cameras for Jimmy Lee Murray will not disrobe for the cameras for his cover spot on the as yet unannounced cover for the as yet unannounced 'leather issue'' of BlackFire magazine. While I, Mr. Marcus, will not take sides in this (it's getting vicious) dispute, when I agreed to co-emcee the event last winter, nowhere did I see that the winner would have to pose in the nude. Next round — we're waiting.

If you're a Marky Mark freak (and come on, admit it, you'd love to get into those Calvins, wouldn't you'?), you'll have a chance to see the little imp in person at Cyclops on Saturday, Feb. 13. You can bet I'll flash the VIP card Gus Bean sent me for this one!

Will persons who emcee leather events in the future

Bean sent me for this one!

Will persons who emcee leather events in the future please at least try to remember when introducing major title holders that the correct titles are International Mr. Leather, International Ms. Leather and International Mr. Drummer? Not Mr. International or Ms. International! Puhleeze! +

Fun things headed your

way: Thursday, Feb. 4: Look-

ing for Mr. March '94 on the Bare Chest Calendar tonight at 2130. Show your chest! Win \$100! At the Eagle.

Full moon party at Head-quarters Bar tonight; they'll be passing out their long-awaited first anniversary pins, too, so get there early. Nel-son's liable to high hurdle the fence unless he stops for a tat-

at IMsL in March

too at the new parlor on the third floor.

third floor.

Friday, Feb. 5:Chevaliers (Gregory Adams, Michael Bowman, John Caldera, Allen Coulson, Grant Dupont, Bill Gooch, Jacqui Jewels, Mike Kelly, Steve Lesh, Calvin Lindberg, Jacques Michaels, Wally Sherwood, Ed Sparan, Vern Stewart and Shiloh Unruh) will bite into a cake flown in from New Orleans tonight at the Bal Masque. Whoever gets the baby plastic doll(s) will reign as the King of Leather. Location is secret. By invitation only, and if you

Mr. and Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '93 John Yant and Jennifer Boyd. He'll compete in Chicago in May; she'll compete

troduction of new officers. Al-

ways a fun event.

IML Lenny Broberg travels to Los Angeles for the Oedipus MC coronation—
they're crowning their new Rex tonight. Hi, Bob Lindsey!

How are things in the canyon? Mrs. IML will not accompany Lenny!

Sunday, Feb. 7: Nobody sent me a press release for the Eagle beer/soda bust today, but bodies and cruising will prevail.

Animal Smith's AIDS Pos-

Animal Smith's AIDS Pos-itive Christmas will be video-taped tonight during two per-formances (at 1900 and 2030) at the Lennon Studios, 468 Ninth St. Seating is limited, so call (415) 501-1441 for a reservation. reservation.

Buns R Us benefit at the

(Photo: Mr. Marcus

Watering Hole from 1600-1900, featuring Great Buns Calendar men and benefiting the Godfather Service Fund. By Don Thompson, with beer/soda/food for only \$7.

Monday, Feb. 8: Intl. Ms Leather meeting at 1900 tonight at 1839 15th St. com-

tonight at 1839 15th St. community room (between Dolores and Guerrero). Bring your energy, talent, enthusiasm and dedication. Volunteer for a committee. Call 861-0373 if you need more info.

a good year! Do they give leather crowns at this event?
Saturday, Feb. 6: Cal Eagles MC celebrates its ninth anniversary tonight in the Eagle patio from 1700-2000 with a buffet and no-host bar. In-Journal. Reception for the artist tonight beginning at 2000. The show hangs until Feb. 22.
Third and final heat of the Mr. Hairy Chest Contest at Headquarters tonight at 2100. Winners and previous weeks'

winners compete next Tuesday for the title — and a year of work! Be there!

More Important Dates:
Bear Expo '93 weekend is
Feb. 12-15. John Caldera passes on his Intl. Mr. Bear title.
Details next week. In the

meantime, call (415) 647-9127 for the poop on the \$110 package weekend.

So long for a while — that's all the dish — until next week. In the meantime, whistle, wheeze and wail while you lurk. In skins.

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The cast of *Out of Bounds*, the SM revue created by Mr. Intl. Leather Europe (A.J. Steigenberger, far right) premiered at The Embers in Portsmouth, NH last Friday, Jan. 29 to critical acclaim.



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Music

Seven-Inch **Thrills**

by Rachel Pepper

on't throw away those turntables yet, girls, because the 45 is back! Yes, vinyl, especially seven-inch vinyl, remains the best opportunity to hear both the work of up-and-coming and hard-to-find women's bands. The ones listed below are only the tip of the iceberg, but they're most definitely worth dusting off your turntables for.

Bratmobile/Heavens to 'Cool Schmool'' ''My Secret''
"K" Records

Although a virtual media Atthough a virtual intendablackout supposedly now reigns over the Riot Grrrl epicenter of Olympia, Wash., the music of girl bands from the area is still leaking out. One of the best of these groups is of the best of these groups is Heavens to Betsy, a two-wom-an ensemble comprised of Corin on vocals, guitar, and drum, and Tracy on bass and drums. So far their output seems to consist of one eightsong cassette (Heavens to Betsy) and my favorite 45, a "K" Records Bratmobile/Heavens to Betsy seven inch. The 45 is a Riot Grrrl collector's musta Kilo Griff Conlector is must-have, with Bratmobile singing their tough-girl anthem "Cool Schmool" and Heavens to Betsy warbling on their sear-ing single about surviving in-cest, "My Secret."

ing single about surviving incest, "My Secret."

The music of the Riot Grrrls, an informal network of primarily teen-age women linked across the country by 'zines, music, and post-office boxes, is especially noteworthy for its expression of gutsy but rather innocent anger at being female and oppressed in a misogynistic world. Check out these gals for some great tunes and a glimpse into the heart of a movement of young feminists who know how to speak — or in this case sing — their minds. Send \$4 to sing — their minds. Send \$4 to "K" Records at P.O. Box 7154, Olympia, WA 98507.

Fifth Column "All Women Are Bitches"/"Donna"
"K" Records

Toronto dyke-core punk band Fifth Column, who al-ready have an extensive recording history behind them, have just released their first seven inch on K records. One side features "All Wom-en Are Bitches," a ripping rock tune satirizing a father's misogynistic advice to his son. rock tune satirizing a father's misognistic advice to his son, that's combined with lead singer and keyboardist Caroline Azar's advice to the son's wife that "the best thing you could do would be to move in with me." The flip side contains a tribute to sometime band member and Chainsaw 'zine publisher Donna Dresch, co-written by Dresch and Azar.

Azar.
On their recent "Tour of Glamour," Fifth Column won women's hearts from Buffalo to San Francisco with their particularly punky brand of bubblegum pop and the many



Fifth Column

talents of full-time members Azar, G.B. Jones on guitar and backup vocals, and Bev-erly Breckenridge on bass. These gals are also part of the These gals are also part of the whole infamous moviemaking, 'zine-producing cluster of underground talent living in Toronto, and they deserve our full support. Rumor has it that Fifth Column may also be recording a full-length album this summer on "K," so keep your fingers crossed. Until then, order this 45 from "K" Records, P.O. Box 7154, Olympia, WA 98507. To obtain the band's previous releases, "All-Time Queen of the World" and "To Sir With Hate," write Fifth Column directly at 3 Warwick Ave., No. 1, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6C 1T5. M6C 1T5.

Bikini Kill, Lucy Stoners, Tribe 8, and 7-Year Bitch There's A Dyke in the Pit Harp Records

Fast-paced and furious is the only way to describe this four-song 45 distributed by Outpunk Records here in San Francisco. Comprised of one cut each from four different girl bands, this record is a great introduction to the work of Bikini Kill, Lucy Stoners, Tribe 8, and 7-Year Bitch. Bitch.

Bitch.

In addition to simply enjoying this coveted compilation (it keeps selling out everywhere) if you track it down, you can also decide who wins the prize for most snarly vocals: Kathleen Hanna on "Suck My Left One," Tribe 8's Lynn Breedlove singing about wanting to "manipulate" her girlfriend, or Selene Vigil belting out "Dead Men Don't Rape" ("I don't have pity not a single tear for those! Who get joy from a woman's fear! I'd rather get a gun and just blow you away! gun and just blow you away/ Then you'll learn first hand/ Dead men don't rape"). All four of these bands are

among the best on the West Coast alternative music scene, Coast atternative flusic scene, so check them out live and be on the lookout for upcoming full-length recordings from all of them. Outpunk Records' address is P.O. Box 170501, San Francisco, CA 94117.

Tribe 8
Pig Bitch Harp Records

San Francisco's own Tribe San Francisco's own Tribe 8, who started out as a garage dyke punk band and evolved into one of the city's best, most widely followed groups, is in classic form on this seven inch. This mini-album features four of Tribe 8's best songs: "Femme Bitch Top," "Frat Pig," "Power Boy," and "Neanderthal Dyke" — all sung by the surly siren Lynn Breedlove with Mahia, Lynn Flipper, Leslie, and Kat in full throttle behind her. This release also comes with a

ripper, Lesine, and Kat in full throttle behind her. This release also comes with a lyric sheet, which is great because it'll help you decipher and fully appreciate the humor and right-on politics of Breedlove's fast-flying words.

For example, "Power Boy" is an apt "salute" to power-hungry cops, and "Frat Pig" is a revenge fantasy on frat boys who gang rape. But the best song has got to be "Nean-derthal Dyke," whose chorus goes, "Neanderthal dyke, Neanderthal dyke, I never read Kate Millett' and I ride a big bike/ feminist theory gets me uptight/ get in some heels and lipstick/ and I'll spend the night." Their in-your-face dyke attitude may not get them invited to perform at feminist coffeehouses, but their international reputation their international reputation appears to be growing rapidly regardless.

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Community

Catalogs for Queers

by Jim Emerson

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straight to mailboxes 1 10024 to 94114, two of America's gayest zip codes. A growing number of mail order companies are targeting gays; they're in hot pursuit of your credit card and looking to make a fast buck by selling everything from body-tight clothing to feminist spiritual music.

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through the mail.

According to the Simmonds Market Research Bureau, about 52.6 percent of the general population shops by phone or mail. However, about 73.3 percent of gays order products by mail or phone. This latter figure comes from a Simmonds survey of National Gay Newspa vey of National Gay Newspa-per Guild publications, which profiles consumers who read leading gay publications, in cluding the Bay Area Re-

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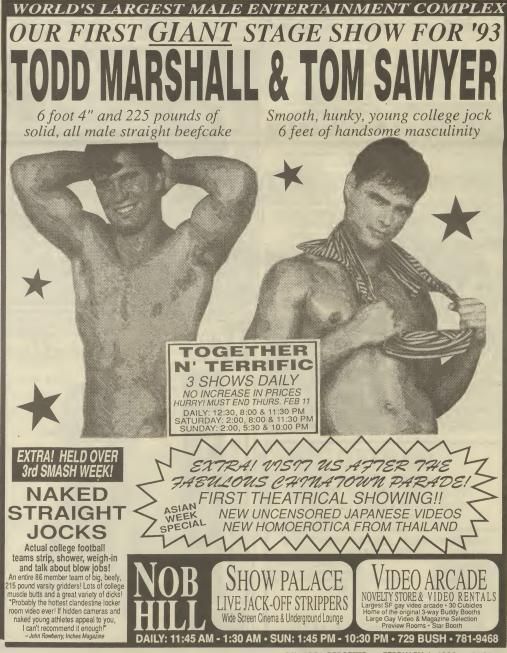
men's bathing suits.

owns numerous clothing and housewares catalogs, is the leading mail order marketer to gay men. Hanover publish-es International Male and Undergear besides the more risque H.I.M. catalog. Leading the mail order charge for les-bians are two companies: La-dyslipper and Olivia Records.

dyslipper and Olivia Records. Most other lesbian catalogs are small cottage industries and less professional looking. Several other specifically gay and lesbian or gay-friendly catalogs offer products unlikely to be found in mainstream department stores. Because Castro Street is the only real gay shopping discause Castro Street is the only real gay shopping district in the United States, products appealing specifically to gay tastes are often only available through mail order outside the Bay Area. Still, gay catalogs offer unique products even for San Franciscans, sometimes at lower than retail prices (though this is not the case with the pricy Shocking Gray catalog). Here's a sampling (see box)

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